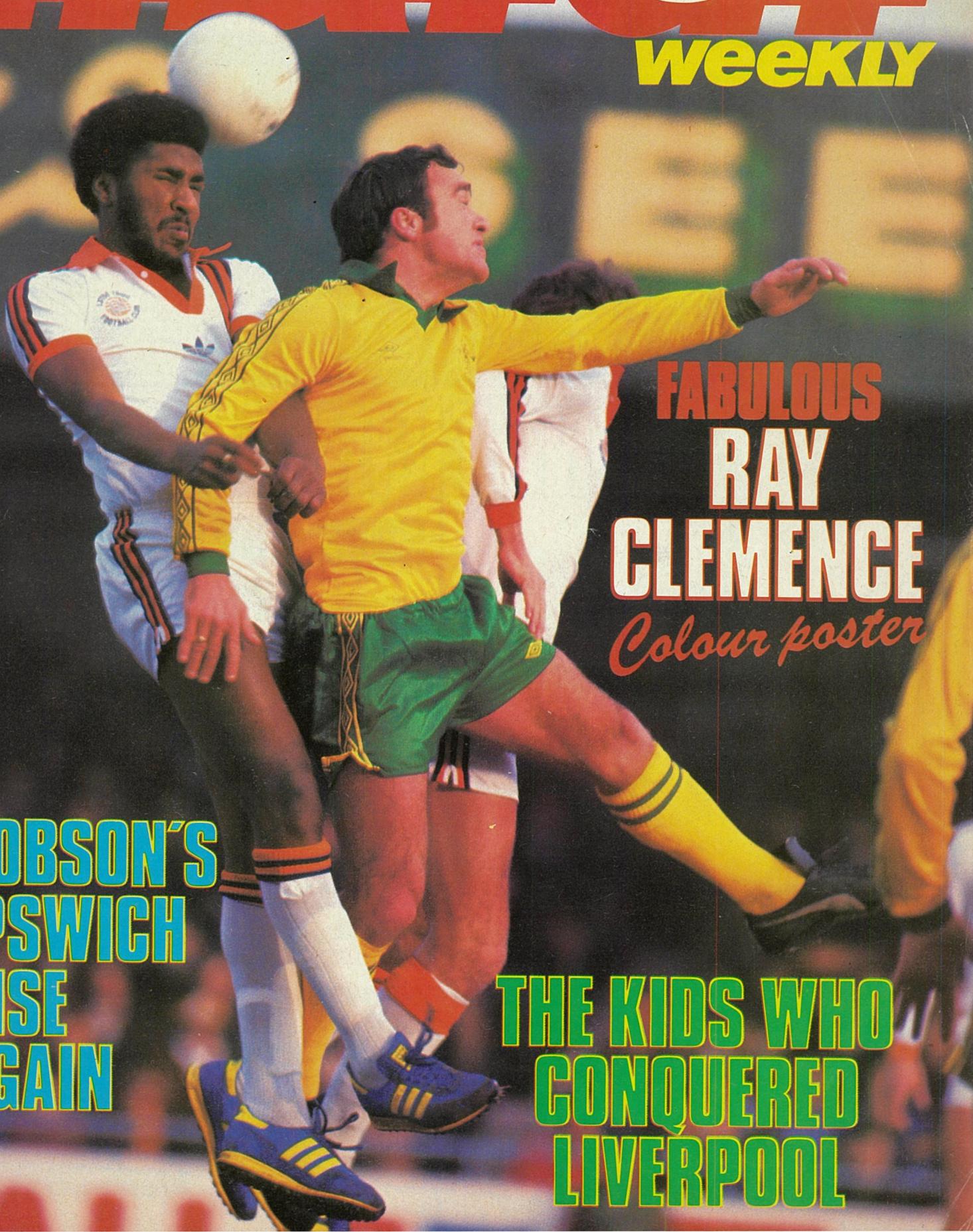


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LIVERPOOL'S SOUR COCKTAIL

-of fouls and bad temper

THEY billed it as Star Wars, but Liverpool's FA Cup victory over Nottingham Forest was more a shameful incident in the mud.

For Liverpool, vengeance for their unaccountable lack of success against Forest was all-important. For the spectators victory wasn't quite so sweet. The thrills provided by Bob Paisley's men were laced with a sour cocktail of professional fouls and spoiling tactics.

Neal and Thompson produced a string of cold, clinical tackles. Case did his best to walk through Garry Birtles and John Robertson... and finally did the near impossible by rousing that

model of reserve and self-discipline, John McGovern, with an incredibly crude confrontation.

On top of this lot was the ill-temper of that marvellously gifted midfielder Graeme Souness.

The number of times a Liverpool player kicked or carried the ball away on conceding a free-kick was countless. There were six bookings (four Liverpool) but it could have been many more.

OK, they were obviously smarting from that League Cup penalty, surely the ultimate frustrating indignity. But together they are so

formidable there just isn't any need for this kind of messing.

They attack with breathtaking vision – fluent, telepathic. The team is a suit of armour without a chink. A full 90 minutes of their football would have brought a flood of goals, made the Forest faces as red as their shirts and won the admiration of football lovers everywhere.

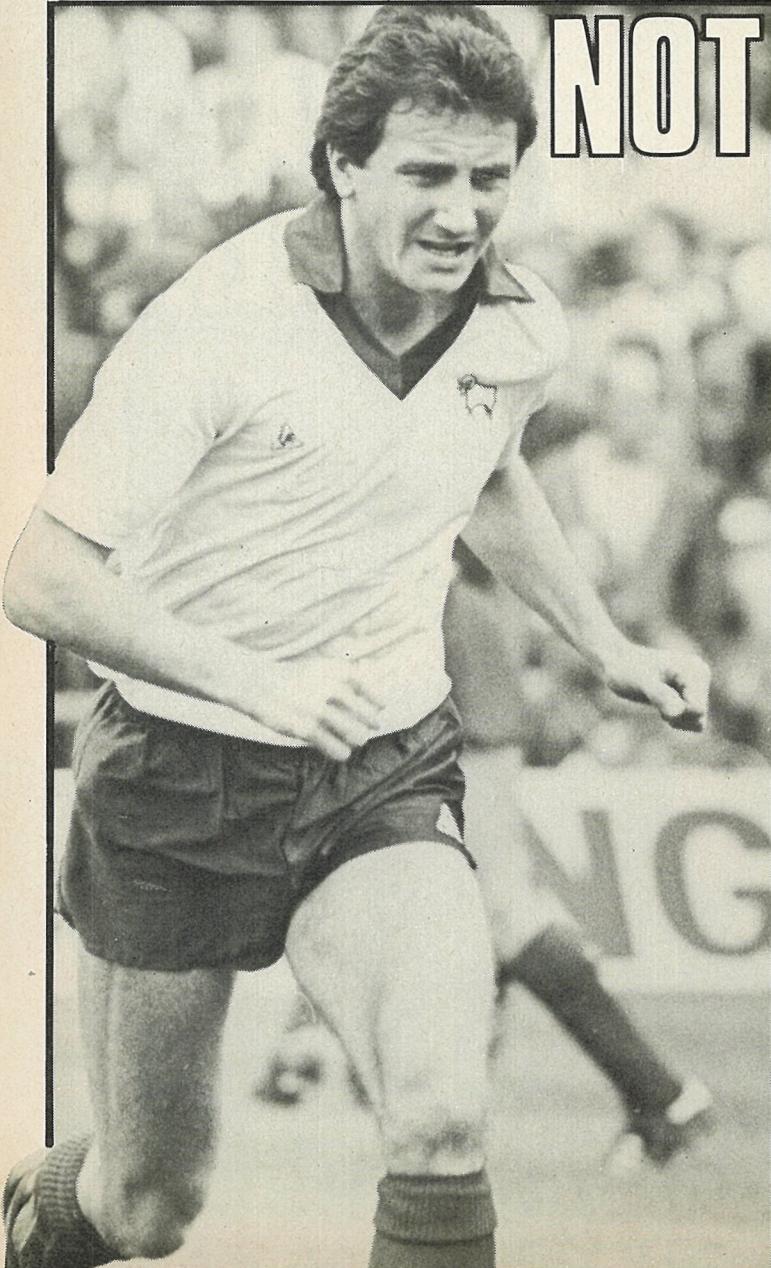
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FRONT PAGE: Chelsea's evergreen Ron Harris (right) disputes a high ball with Luton's Ricky Hill in the Second Division promotion battle at Kenilworth Road.

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NOT FINISHED YET

says Roy McFarland

INJURY-plagued Roy McFarland is determined to prove he's still got a place in the First Division and silence all the doubters.

He declared: "Some people seem surprised that I can still walk let alone think about playing in the top flight for a couple more years. I believe I still have something to offer."

"I've got a thing to prove to all the people who've written and I want to repay the faith shown in me by manager Colin Addison and John Newman."

It was Addison and Newman who persuaded the classy ex-England centre-half McFarland to stay with Derby at the start of the season and they backed

LEFT: Roy McFarland – he still has something to offer.

that faith with a new contract.

"I'm sure most people felt when my second Achilles tendon needed surgery that I would never be heard of again. Thankfully it was not nearly as serious as the first one because the tendon was only nicked not severed completely."

McFarland always remembers some advice given to him by his former boss Brian Clough whenever he is tempted to give up his struggle against injuries and opt for one of soccer's desk jobs.

"His career was cut short by injury and I believe him when he says he would give up all the trophies he has won as a manager for another season as a player," says McFarland.

BIRTHDAY BOY

DUNCAN Heath, an 18-year-old defender with Aston Villa, believes he already has one claim to fame. His birthday – October 23 – is the same as the great Pele.

The youngster, who has been through the schoolboy and apprentice ranks with Villa, signed professional last July. His younger brother, Greg, is an apprentice with Port Vale. The family live at Longton, Stoke.

Hit for six

Manchester United – currently pushing hard for the English League championship – were thrashed 6-0 in a friendly against Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia.

A crowd of 30,000 delighted Yugoslav football fans witnessed the shock scoreline. Primorac scored two from the penalty spot and other scorers were Krsticic, Muzinic, Vujovic and Djordjevic.

TEARAWAY BARNES



PETER Barnes went home on Saturday to crush sad Manchester City with two goals in West Bromwich Albion's 3-1 victory. It was a day of triumph for Barnes, another day of grief for his old boss, Malcolm Allison. There was just no holding the winger — as hard as Nicky Reid, over the ball above, might have tried! Paul Power, left, and Steve Daley are other City men in the picture. Right: Barnes blasts his first goal beyond the luckless Joe Corrigan.

Pictures: DUNCAN CUBITT



Bolton axe for Greaves

Byron Ban

WALES and Leeds United defender Byron Stevenson has been kicked out of Europe for the next 4½ years.

That's the ban he received from UEFA for being sent off in Wales' European Championship defeat by Turkey in Izmir in November. He allegedly struck Turkish defender Mustafa and broke his jaw. But Stevenson denies the attack and is almost certain to appeal against the ban — the heaviest ever on an international footballer from Britain.

A spokesman for the UEFA disciplinary commission in Zurich who imposed the ban described the incident as "a serious act of violence and that is reflected in the verdict."

SLIPS by both Bristol teams on Saturday leave them in grave danger of becoming only the second pair from the same city to be relegated in the same season. The only such case there has ever been in the League's 92 years concerned Bradford City and Bradford Park Avenue in 1921/22.

SPURS failed to score in a home League game for the first time this season when they were held to a 0-0 draw by Southampton on Saturday. The only teams who have scored in all their home League games now are: Leeds, Manchester United, QPR, Shrewsbury, Sunderland, Millwall and Torquay.

WEST Brom's Peter Barnes became the fifth ex-Manchester City player this season to score against his former team mates in Albion's 3-1 win at Maine Road. Others are Gary Owen (WBA), Brian Kidd (Everton), Dave Watson and Mike Channon (Southampton).

IAN Greaves became the 16th manager this season to part company with his club, when he was dismissed by First Division Bolton.

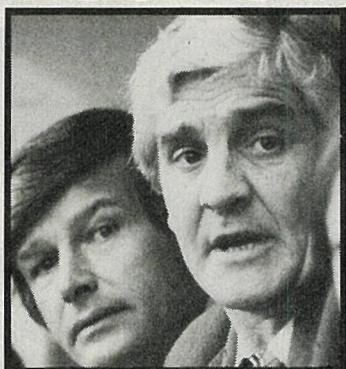
Greaves, a former Manchester United and Lincoln City player who joined Bolton from Huddersfield, was in the second year of a four year contract, after taking the Burnden Park club to the Second Division championship in 1978. Bolton had missed promotion by a point the two previous seasons.

Caretaker manager is Greaves' assistant Stan Anderson, who agreed to stay and see the struggling club through a managerless period. Bolton, bottom of the First Division have won only one league match, and face Arsenal at home in next week's FA Cup fifth round.

SATURDAY SNIPPETS

DERBY County became the sixth club this season to enjoy their biggest home League gate of the season for the visit of Manchester United. A crowd of 27,783 saw the Rams go down 3-1 to United on Saturday. Others are: Bristol City, Everton, Manchester City, Middlesbrough and Spurs. Liverpool as visitors have drawn the biggest home gates for seven clubs: Arsenal, Aston Villa, Bolton, Brighton, Coventry, Leeds and West Bromwich Albion.

COLIN Todd of Birmingham became the 71st player sent off in the League this season when he was given his marching orders at Charlton on Saturday. Eighteen have been sent off in Division One, 15 in Division Two, 23 in Division Three and 15 in Division Four.



Sacked Bolton boss Ian Greaves, with his successor Stan Anderson at his shoulder.

FOOTNOTE: Around 1,000 Football League managers have either resigned or been sacked from clubs since the War. That's one every other week! Who'll be next . . . ?

BOURNEMOUTH'S Ted MacDougall, the game's heaviest current scorer, chalked up his 254th League goal on Saturday against Stockport. Other big scorers on target were: Fred Binney (Hereford) who got his 180th goal; Bob Hatton (Luton) 177th; John Toshack (Swansea) 168th; Alan Buckley (Walsall) 136th.

DERBY'S Barry Powell became the sixth player this season to score for both sides in the same League match. Others are: Roger Davies (Derby), Kevin Lock (Fulham), Alan Waddle (Swansea), Alan Biley (Derby — with Cambridge) and Jim Walker (Chester).

KEVIN Kilmore became Grimsby's joint leading scorer of the season in League matches on Saturday with a goal in his team's 5-1 win over Brentford. He was top League scorer last season with another Lincolnshire club — Scunthorpe United.

We didn't deserve it — Armstrong .

GERRY Armstrong, scorer of the two Spurs' goals which ended Third Division Swindon's giant-killing hopes, admits: "We didn't deserve to win."

Armstrong was the butt of the fans' criticism, as Spurs tumbled through the FA Cup Fourth round replay, after committing the foul which led to the Wiltshire side's penalty lead but he was soon transformed into a hero when he scored.

"We hadn't been playing well and Swindon were battling all the time, I thought we had had it. But in the last few minutes we seemed to be able to lift ourselves and it did the trick."

Spurs now face the visit of Birmingham City in the fifth round — one step near Ossie Ardiles' dream of playing at Wembley.

'Bells' Bobby

BOBBY Robson collected the Bells Manager of the Month award for the fifth time at the weekend. His side, Ipswich, have lost only once in the last 14 games in a tremendous revival that has taken them from bottom to fifth in the First Division. Match Weekly honours their feat in a special report on Pages 34 and 35.

Allison — I'm making progress

MALCOLM Allison watched his team slump to a home defeat at the hands of West Brom on Saturday and then declared: "I know I'm making progress."

There was little in the Manchester City performance to back his claim, but Allison insists his confidence is not suffering.

City are languishing in 18th spot in Division One and their chairman Peter Swales has publicly stated that the next three months are "critical."

But Allison brushes aside the pressure on him that statement suggests: "It's no problem — it's the same as usual. I know what I'm doing and that's all I need to know."

THE LIKELY LADS

ENGLAND look likely to field three full internationals for their UEFA Under-21 championship quarter final first leg against Scotland at Coventry next Wednesday (Feb 12).

Glenn Hoddle, Kenny Sansom and Kevin Reeves — all capped by Ron Greenwood at senior level — are included in a strong, exciting squad which also includes the West Brom pair Bryan Robson and Cyrille Regis.

The Scotland squad is unlikely to change too much from the one selected for the postponed European Championship game against Portugal. But it's expected a couple of over-age players may be drafted in to cope with what is an experienced England line-up.

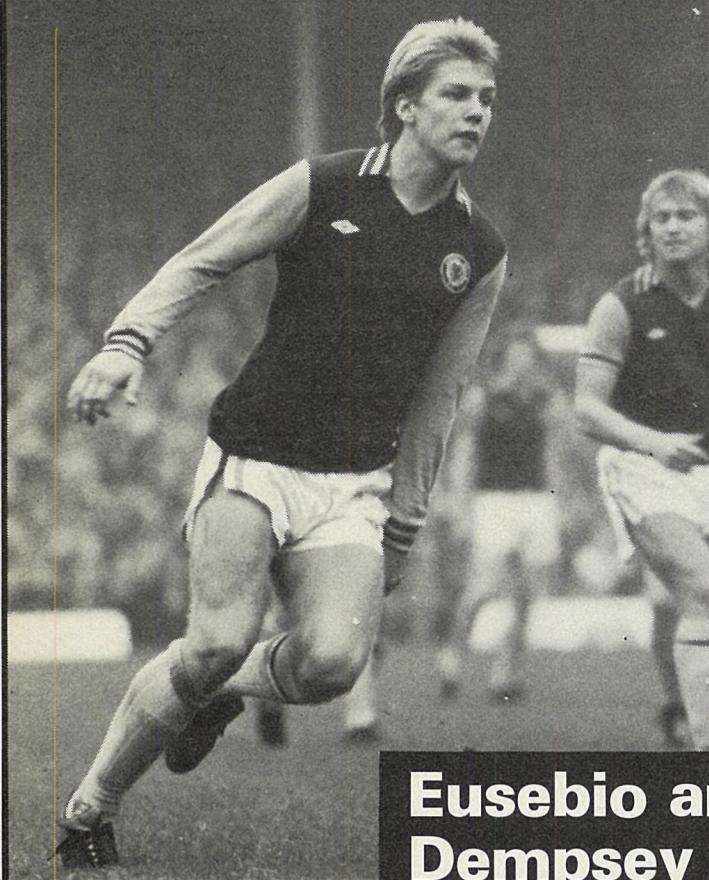
Scotland manager Jock Stein was hoping to use the Portugal game — now

scheduled for March 25 — as a guideline for the England match.

England squad: Bailey (Man Utd), Woods (QPR), Wright (Everton), Gilbert (Palace), Osman (Ipswich), Butcher (Ipswich), Sansom (Palace), Williams (Southampton), Hoddle (Spurs), Robson (WBA), Rix (Arsenal), Regis (WBA), Hilaire (Palace), Crooks (Stoke), Reeves (Norwich).

Scotland possible: McCulloch (Kilmarnock), Gardiner (Aberdeen), Stewart (West Ham), Gillespie (Coventry), McNichol (Brentford), Fulton (St Mirren), Orr (Morton), Dawson (Rangers), Bannon (Dundee Utd), McCluskey (Celtic), Melrose (Partick), Weir (St Mirren), Wark (Ipswich), Brazil (Ipswich), Richardson (St Mirren), McLeod (Celtic), McLeish (Aberdeen), Blair (Coventry).

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Young Garry Bennett is hoping to follow in his brother's footsteps. An 18-year-old central-defender, who has signed professional with Manchester City, Garry is the brother of City first-teamer David. Garry's other claim to fame is that he captained Manchester Boys' basketball team . . .

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. . . Des Coleman, a 20-year-old goalkeeper with Everton, almost made his name as a golfer. He was an assistant pro at Northenden, Manchester, where United and City players can often be found practising their swings. His dad's a former Blackburn and Bolton player . . .

YOUNGSTERS HALT PALACE CRISIS

EVERY cloud has a silver lining . . . Crystal Palace certainly made the old adage come true as they struggled through an appalling injury crisis just after the turn of the year.

For although fate robbed them of several of their top performers it enabled Terry Venables to pitch in some untried youngsters with an eye to the future.

Youth starlets Terry Fenwick, Terry Boyle and Neil Smillie repaid the favour and the confident way they handled the experience clearly augurs well for the future.

"The situation really tested the squad," said Palace assistant manager Alan Harris.

"We had to push a lot of youngsters through earlier than anticipated and all of them did well."

"We've still got a lot to play for this season despite being knocked out of the FA Cup."

"We're hoping for a top four place in the League and a passport to Europe which isn't bad considering it's our first season in the First Division."

Harris killed stone dead any speculation that talented England left-back Kenny Sansom was about to desert the Palace ship.

"It was said that Kenny wanted to leave but it was all a load of rubbish. He has never

SHAW HAS NO NEED TO HURRY

ASTON Villa's blond-haired young forward, Gary Shaw (left), fast emerging as one of the brightest prospects in the Football League, is being watched closely by manager Ron Saunders.

He says: "At 19, Gary is obviously a lad with a bright future — if he can maintain the kind of form he has shown over the past few months. But my main concern is not to burn out the youngster. He must build up gradually for his own benefit."

Gary is already Villa's leading

goalscorer this season with ten goals as a result of his first-ever hat-trick in the win at Bristol City. He scored in the F.A. Cup win against Bristol Rovers at Eastville, too.

Gary has been at Villa Park for the past three years and was picked up by the Midland club from Coleshill Town, who play in the Midland Combination.

The success of this local-boy is something of a rare event because Villa have not been noted for producing many Birmingham players over the past few years.

His big asset is his ability to take on defenders. He takes great delight in scoring goals and in this frame of mind he is always on the look-out for half chances. It was his snap shot which led to Villa's cup draw at Cambridge.

Eusebio and Best in Dempsey line-up

PORUGAL's Eusebio — one of the great superstars of the sixties — will be teaming up with the irrepressible George Best and a host of other international stars for a showpiece match on February 11.

The international XI will be taking on a Chelsea XI at Stamford Bridge in a testimonial game for former Chelsea stalwart John Dempsey, kick-off 8 p.m.

Dempsey spent ten years at Chelsea although he's spent the last couple of years playing in America with Philadelphia Fury.

He was a vital cog in the great Chelsea team of the early 70's that won the F.A. Cup and European Cup Winner's Cup — scoring the winning goal in the latter.

Said Dempsey who won 24 caps with Eire: "I shall probably stay in America for another couple of years, but I would like to come back to England eventually."

There's no doubt that Dempsey himself will enjoy a return to Stamford Bridge and hopefully he will be rewarded by a good turn-out at his testimonial game.

Other stars of present and past scheduled to play include Liam Brady, Pat Jennings, Bobby Moore, Frank Worthington, David O'Leary, Trevor Brooking, Alan Ball and last, but by no means, least Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst.

PAISLEY WINS ANOTHER BOTTLE!

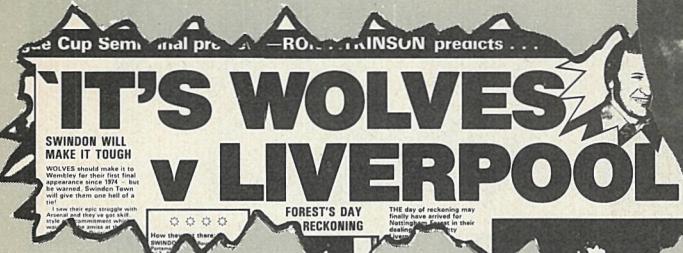
IT WAS 12 up for Liverpool boss Bob Paisley (below) recently when he completed a dozen Bell's Whisky awards on receiving the December 'Manager-of-the-Month' title.

In four years since he collected his first gallon of whisky in December, 1975, Bob has been named Manager of the Year three times, Manager of the Month six times and Division Manager of the Month twice. He also received a special award the year Liverpool won their second European Cup.



Ron Atkinson said in
MATCH WEEKLY Jan 10 ...

Peter Shilton – the main barrier to Liverpool's progress into the League Cup Final, according to West Brom's manager Ron Atkinson.



No need to change my mind

WEMBLEY waits – the great stadium's twin towers beckoning each of the four League Cup contenders over the final hurdle.

There's Liverpool – runners-up in the competition in 1977–78 and looking to win the trophy for the first time.

And their opponents Nottingham Forest – bidding to win the cup for the third time in succession.

Then there's Wolves – winners of the cup back in 1973–74 and hungry for success once more.

And their opponents Swindon – re-kindling memories of their famous triumph in the competition in 1968–69.

ROWLAND

THE possibility of playing in a Wembley Cup final is still something of a dream for Swindon's Andy Rowland but he declares: "I think we've got a great chance."

"I think it will stay a dream until we know for sure one way or the other. Then I suppose it will hit me."

"I'm sure the second-leg is going to be a very difficult game – probably one of the most difficult we have had all season, but we have the one goal lead and we know we can play better than we did in the first-leg."

CARR

With only one goal to pull back in the second-leg Wolves' Willie Carr says: "We've got to fancy our chances at home."

"I think we deserved more than we got in the first-leg but they are a team that likes to play football and attack and it should be a good return game."

Forest go to Anfield a goal up – thanks to a John Robertson penalty in the dying minutes of the first leg.

Swindon travel to Molineux with the same advantage following a 2–1 home win – Allan Mayes giving them their precious lead.

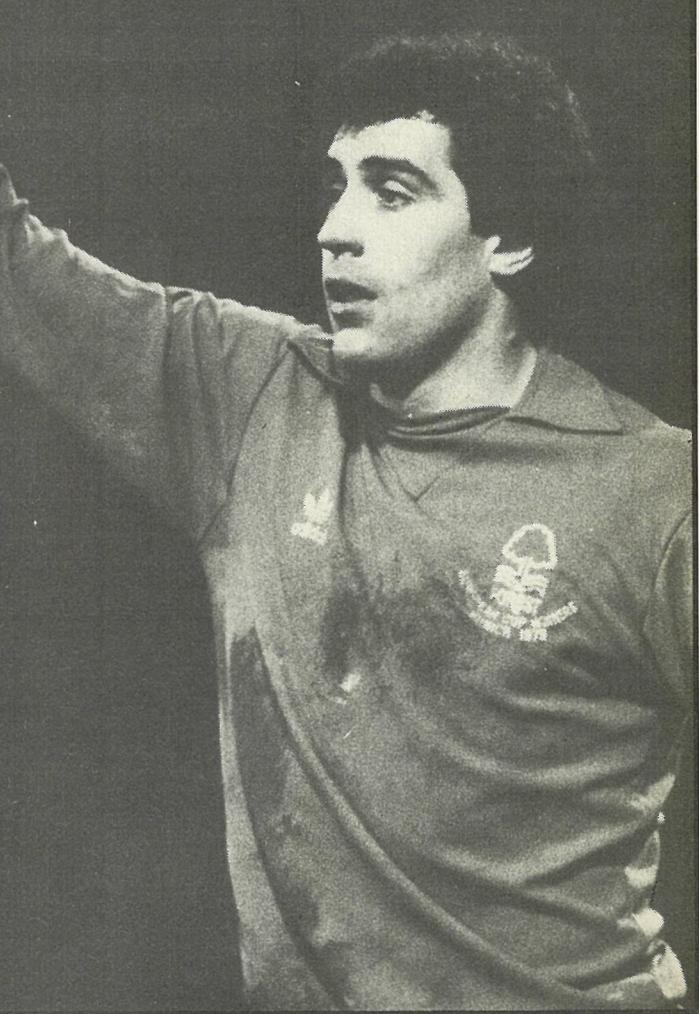
Only two can taste the hallowed Wembley turf and only time will tell who those two will be. That time is next Wednesday night when the second-leg matches are scheduled to be played.

But West Brom's boss Ron Atkinson who predicted a Liverpool-Wolves final before a ball was kicked in the semi's says: "I'm sticking with those two."

He spoke first of the forthcoming Anfield clash between arch rivals Liverpool and Forest.

"I think the first-leg was about par for the course although I had a feeling it would be a no-score draw."

"Liverpool had been bang on



CLOUGH

FOREST manager Brian Clough admits he was delighted with his team's 1–0 win in the first-leg but says: "We are not going to sit back and let them dictate."

"I was delighted to get in front on our own ground because I personally thought that on the night a 0–0 draw would have been the right result."

form before that game and Forest had been slightly off.

"However, Liverpool's F.A. Cup win at Forest will have given them a tremendous lift and I think they'll go through – quite likely in extra-time. It may even go to a third match."

"Peter Shilton in the Forest goal is going to be a big barrier and Liverpool will be aware of the danger of Garry Birtles and Trevor Francis, but being at home will give them a tremendous advantage. The biggest thing is their own personal pride."

The time lapse between the first and second leg – almost a month – may be against Third Division side Swindon in their match with Wolves according to Atkinson.

"It's asking an awful lot of

Swindon for them to keep up the pace and a lot could depend on Swindon's form in the run-up to the game at Molineux.

"If Swindon have managed to beat Tottenham in the F.A. Cup that is going to be a tremendous boost to their League Cup hopes, but I'm going for Wolves to do it – once again possibly after extra-time."

"Wolves must regard the League Cup as their main hope of honours this season and people like Andy Gray, John Richards and Emlyn Hughes – if he's playing – will be pulling out all the stops."

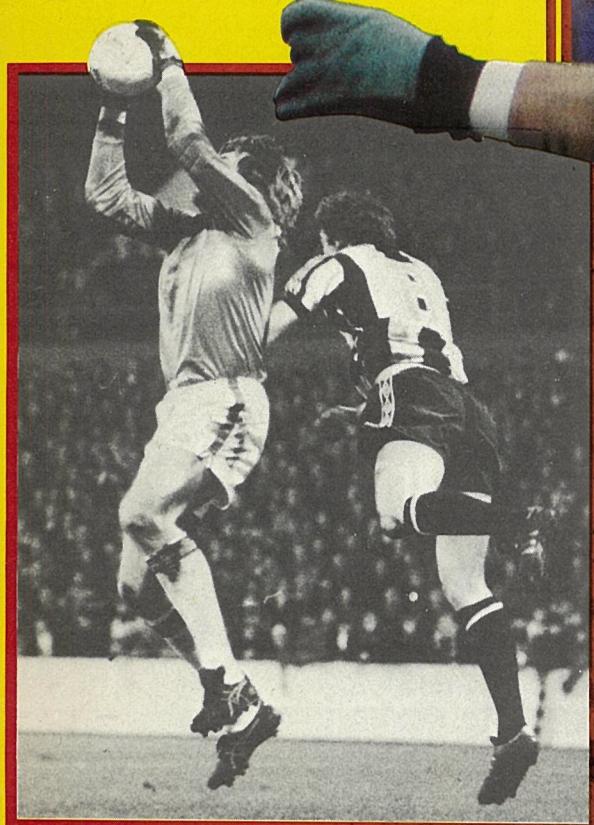
"But I don't think Swindon will go there and defend and I think their manager Bobby Smith may be looking to break out and shatter Wolves with an early goal."

DALGLISH

Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish says of the second-leg match against Forest: "We'll just be concentrating on winning the game." "I would think they might sit back a little but we will be attacking sensibly not stupidly. We must be in for some breaks against Forest."

SUPER SAVERS

No.3
PHIL PARKES
West Ham



ABOVE: Phil Parkes in action against West Brom's Ally Brown during the recent F.A. Cup third round replay at Upton Park which Hammers won 2-1.

BIRTHPLACE: Sedgley, West Midlands

BIRTHDATE: August 8, 1950

CAREER: Walsall, Queens Park Rangers, West Ham.

APPEARANCES: League 452

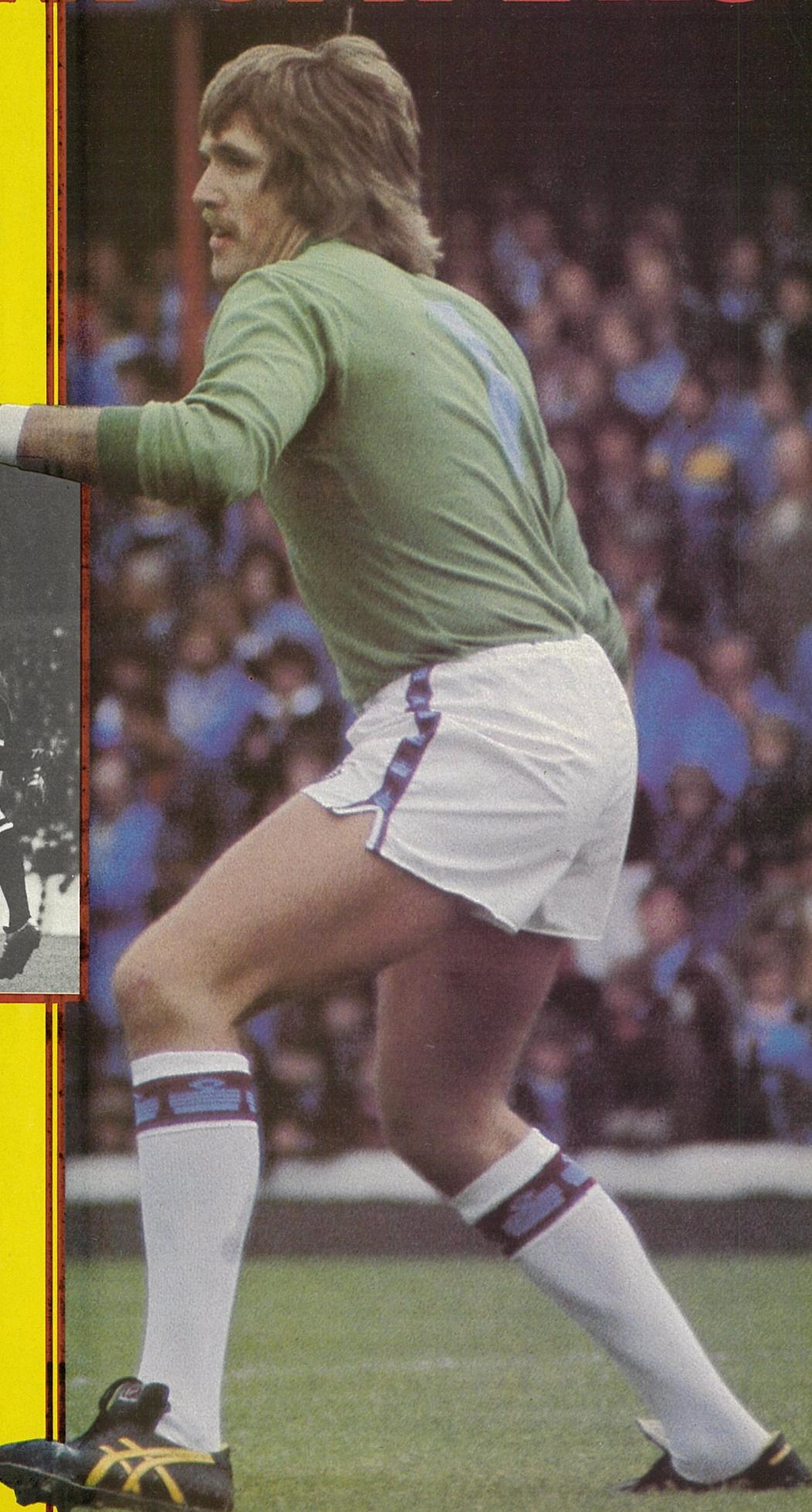
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MY GREATEST SAVE: When Phil Parkes defied West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns in the January FA Cup clash, Albion manager Ron Atkinson said afterwards that his performance was worth 12 marks out of 10. Phil himself remembers the game and one particular save.

"Gary Owen hit a strong shot from the edge of the box towards the top corner. I was behind it ready to save when it deflected off Alvin Martin our defender.

"I was going one way and had to change direction completely. I didn't think I would get it, but I just managed to get my fingertips to the ball to push it against the post. When it came back Frank Lampard completed the clearance.

"It is always difficult for a goalkeeper to talk of his best save but judging by the reaction of everyone when it happened and also after the match, I'd





F.A. CUP



ABOVE: Harlow players celebrate and Watford players appeal, but the referee points to the centre spot and the goal stands. It was the moment newsagent Neil Prosser put the part timers ahead, but Second Division Watford came back to win a 4-3 thriller.

RIGHT: Colin Methven, of Wigan, towers above Everton's Mick Lyons but heads wide in the Goodison Park cup-tie. It was one of the few times Wigan were on top in a game that Everton won 3-0.

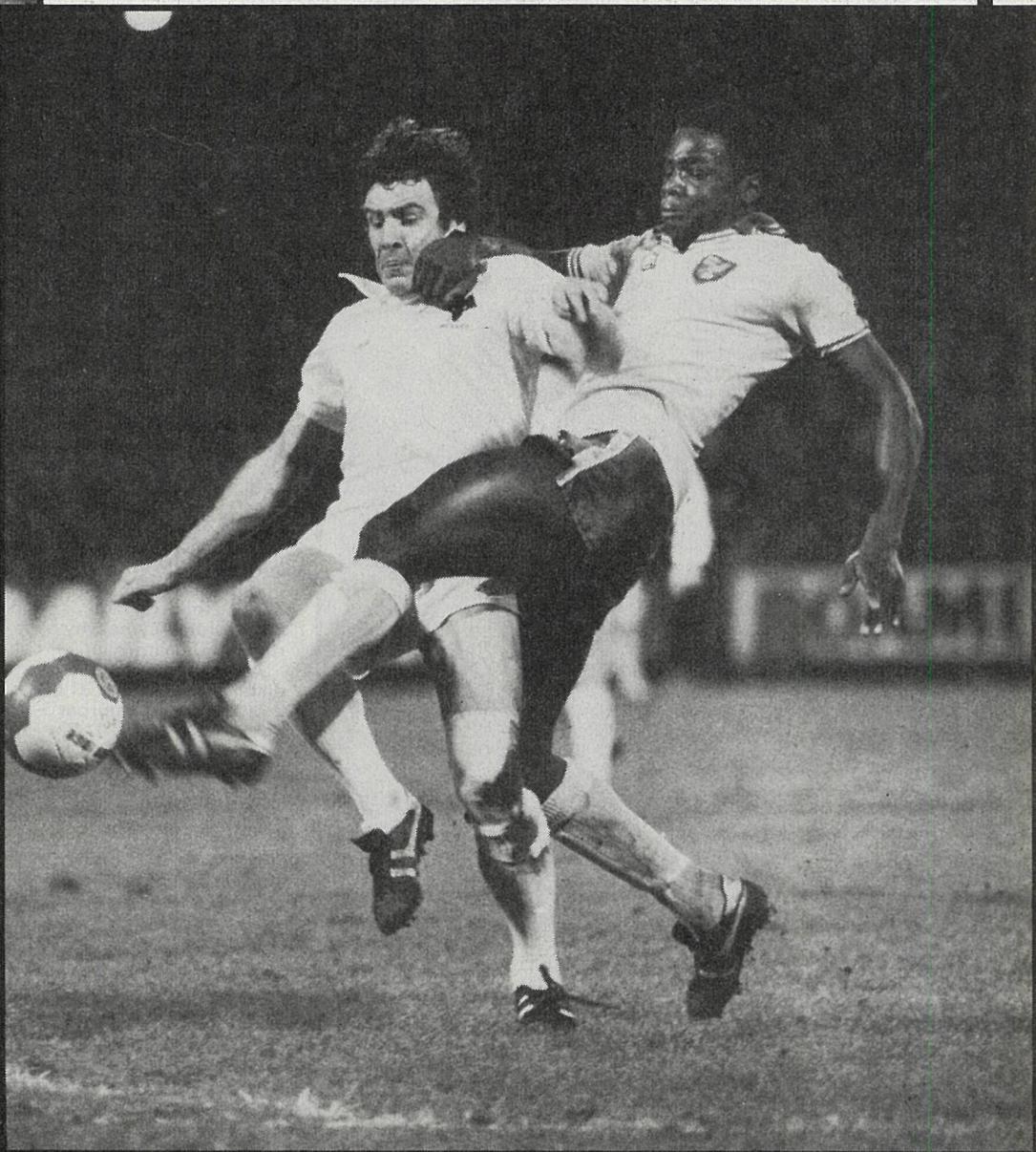


The tables were turned on poor old Coventry. The Liverpool conquerors were brought back to reality with this Andy Crawford header which put Blackburn into the fifth round.

4th ROUND ACTION



Goal! Despair in the Wolves defence as Kevin Bond (out of picture) heads Norwich in front to the delight of Fashanu and Peters (right).



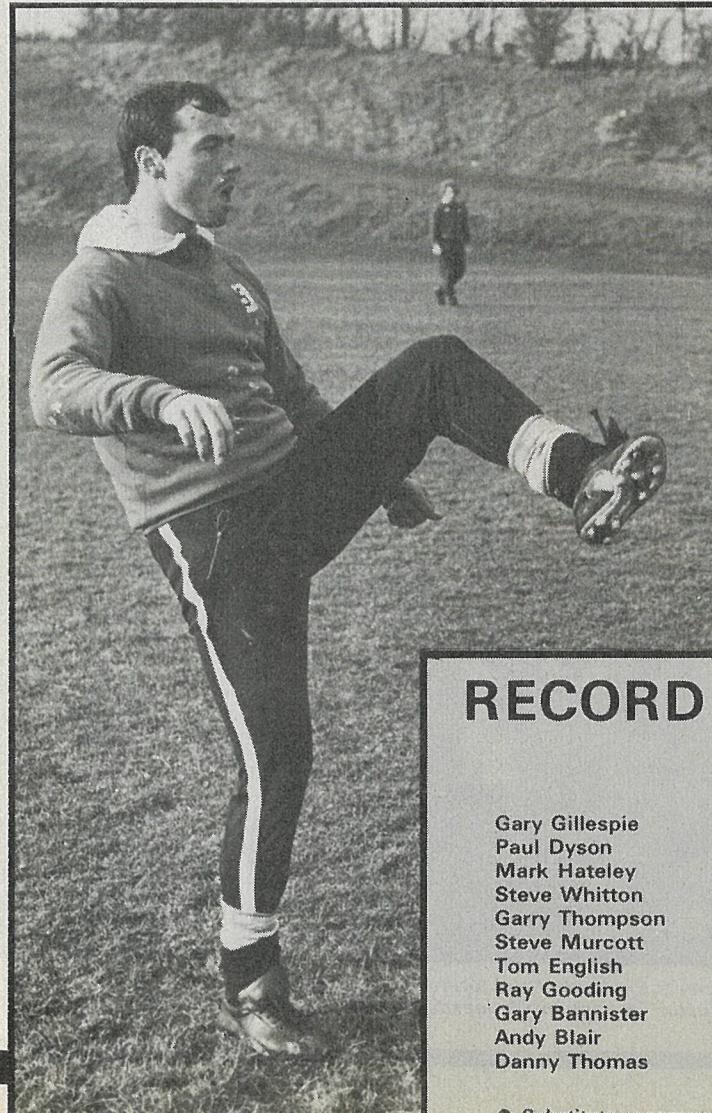
England of the present meets England of the future. Wolves' Emlyn Hughes holds off young Norwich striker Justin Fashanu in Wednesday's FA Cup replay, which Wolves snatched 3-2.





Gordon Milne is seen here with the six young men who started against Liverpool, from left to right: Gary Gillespie, Paul Dyson, Mark Hateley, Tommy English, Andy Blair and Ray Gooding.

THE COVENTRY KID



IT'S TEN to three. Tense young faces in the Coventry City dressing-room are etched with concentration as manager Gordon Milne goes over last minute details.

There are seven very young men heading his words — four of them teenagers, three only 20. Wiry Tommy Hutchison and goal ace Ian Wallace are among those who add the odd dash of experience.

If nerves are just under the surface, little wonder. Their opponents today are Liverpool, League leaders with as much professional sympathy as a runaway steamroller.

As both teams head out, the distant rumble of a 31,000 crowd becomes uproar — Sky

Bobby McDonald — one of the senior Coventry professionals who helps develop the youngsters.

Blue scarves everywhere and a huge bank of Anfield red away to the right.

Coventry's most searching test is about to begin. A youth policy which began in the enlightened management days of Jimmy Hill is under the microscope.

By 4.45, a football nation which that morning had pondered the wisdom of a 'men against boys' confrontation was preparing to salute a famous victory — Coventry City 1 Liverpool 0. As if to underline the success, gangling young Paul Dyson, the 20-year-old who kept out big Jim Holton for this particular game, had moved up to glide home the only goal.

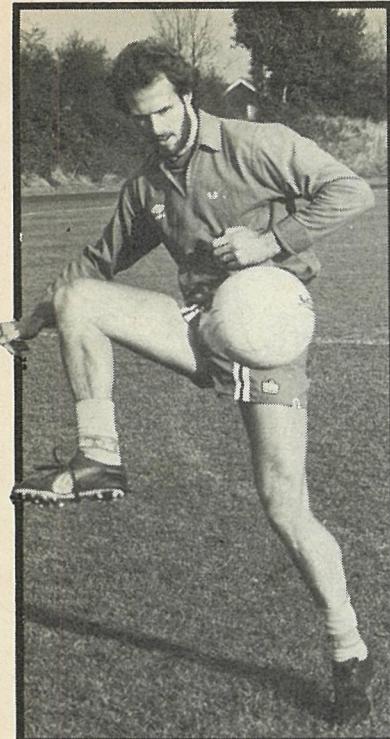
It could have been more — even 3-0 as eager Coventry first match and then master their lofty opponents.

Liverpool boss Bob Paisley is grudging in his praise. He thinks that the speed of a pitch kept in peak condition by 20

RECORD OF THE SKY BLUE YOUTH

Age	Position	Home	Appearances League and all Cup games	Goals
Gary Gillespie	19	Central defender	Bonnybridge	42
Paul Dyson	20	Central defender	Birmingham	6
Mark Hateley	18	Striker	Derby	4
Steve Whitton	18	Midfield	East Ham	1 (9)
Garry Thompson	20	Striker	Birmingham	34 (7) 11
Steve Murcott	18	Goalkeeper	Birmingham	1
Tom English	18	Striker	Cirencester	20 (2) 6
Ray Gooding	20	Midfield	Hartlepool	34 (26) 3
Gary Bannister	19	Winger	Warrington	4 (7) 1
Andy Blair	20	Midfield	Bedworth, Warwickshire	50 (5) 1
Danny Thomas	18	Midfield	Worksop	1 (2)

● Substitute appearances are in brackets.



Paul Dyson – still not sure he'll be stopping at Coventry.



Garry Thompson – a triumphant return from serious injury.



Andy Blair – something of a veteran with nearly 50 senior games to his credit.



Ray Gooding – looks on as Tommy Hutchison gets in some shooting practice.

S WHO CONQUERED SUPER-REDS

miles of underturf heating cables had surprised his team. Gordon Milne knows better. Coventry's faith in youth has brought its rewards and the prospect of exciting things ahead.

Later, days later in fact, at the club's Ryton-on-Dunsmore training centre, he reflects on the decision which put so many young lads into such a match. "It wasn't made on the spur of the moment," he explained. "These lads don't just appear from anywhere. We have been working with them for four, five or even six years. Some were raw young 14-year-olds when they became involved with Coventry.

"The day Liverpool came here, I felt it was right to put so many in. They didn't let me down. Oh yes, I know that people would quickly have gone on about boys doing men's work if we had lost, but you only do what you think is right. They were in there quite simply because they were good enough to do the job."

As we talk, heavy traffic thunders into Ryton's nearby car factory and laughter echoes through the thin January air as Milne's minnows so obviously relish their training.

Gordon and his management partner, Ron Wylie, work with them, making sure they talk individually and collectively to the squad as they go through their final paces before the long trip north to Third Division Blackburn Rovers – and an F.A. Cup tie which will bring 1–0 defeat and a painful lesson



Ian Wallace looks on as a diving Ray Clemence is beaten by Paul Dyson's sixth minute header to give the Sky Blues a memorable win.

in their development.

To date this season, Coventry have played 11 under-21s in the First Division. How come they have such a glut of youth, which some people are valuing at £2 million?

"I think we have developed a reputation for giving youngsters a chance. They know that if they come here and prove they have the ability, there's a first-team chance waiting for them.

Other clubs might keep them waiting until they're 23 or 24.

"We are also very aware that these lads are at a vulnerable age. They need guidance and protection from all sorts of temptations. We realise the responsibility that puts on Coventry City – and parents are comforted that we take the right attitude.

"They are also impressed with the hostel we run near

Highfield Road. Managed by an experienced couple, it takes up to 15 youngsters and gives us the opportunity to keep them together."

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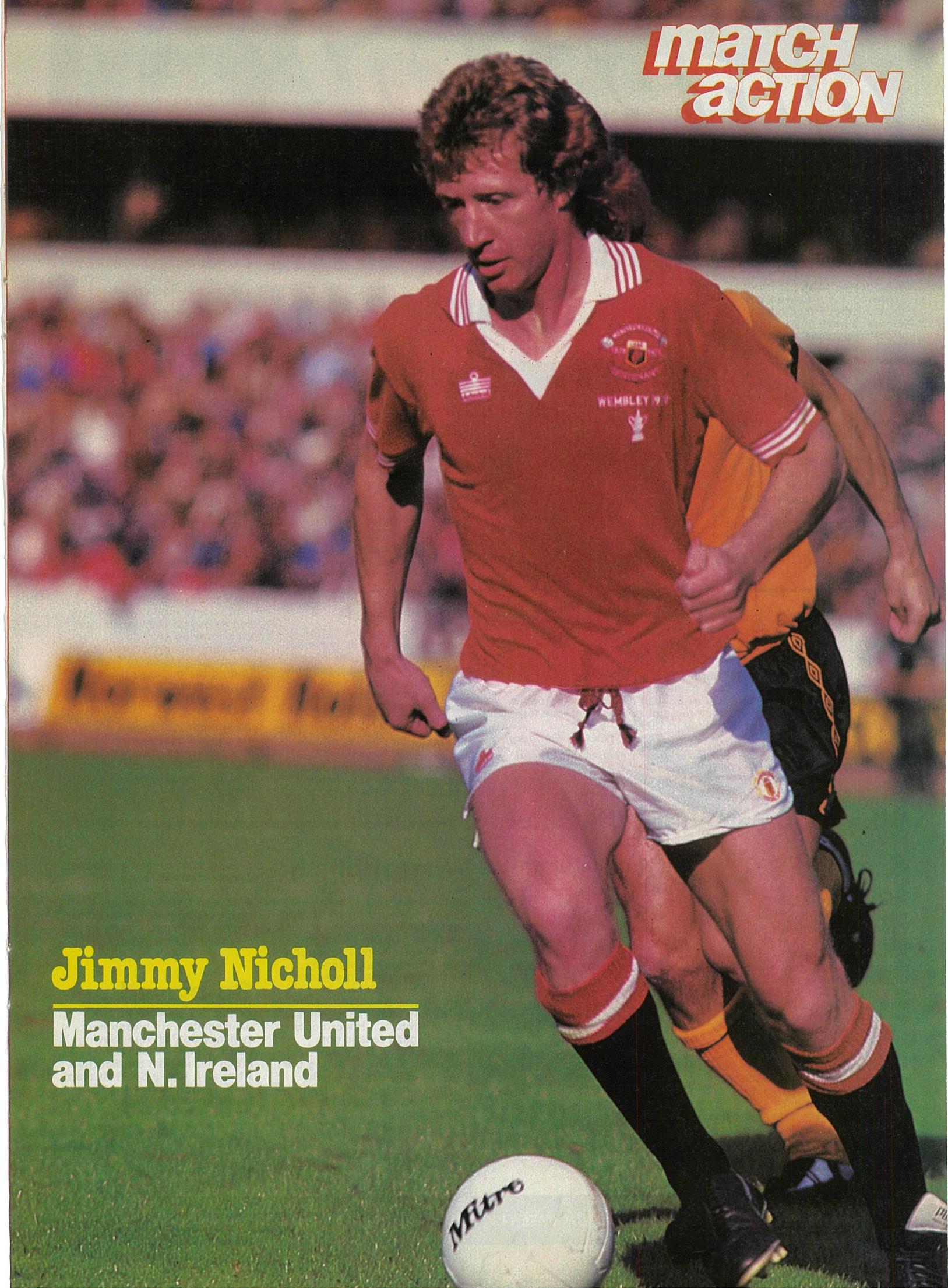
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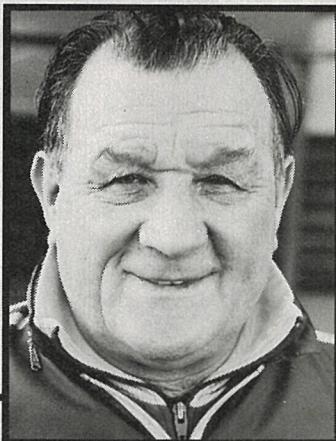
Sick to the teeth with Liverpool

We are sick to the teeth of Liverpool F.C. How do you expect other First Division teams to have any confidence when every time we look in the newspapers or magazines – they always say how good Liverpool are.

Karen Ashton (13), Jane Broad (13), Stockport, Cheshire.

In issue 20 of *MATCH WEEKLY* the amount of rubbish you put in about Liverpool was outrageous when you could have put in more match facts or spot the differences. It was such a waste of paper talking about their success in the 70's. I hope Liverpool are relegated in the 80's and it's the last we hear of them.

Steve Bedward, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.



BOB PAISLEY – the victim of jealousy.

It was completely fatuous of *MATCH WEEKLY* to ask the locals of Liverpool 'why I follow the Reds'. It is the easiest thing in the world to be a Liverpool fan simply because they win more often than anybody else. You won't find too many 'genuine' Liverpool fans at every Anfield game. Liverpool fans are just a bunch of phonies.

James Bromet (16), Daventry, Northants.

● Yet more frustrated letters from other fans jealous of the success of Bob Paisley's men.

It's unfair

I think it's unfair that all the strikers and forwards get the glory just because they have a better chance of scoring than a person who plays in midfield. Strikers get their names in the papers even if they don't score a goal.

Paul Taylor (14), Belfast.

● Come off it Paul. It's goals that we want to see and strikers earn the points so it's only natural that we should concentrate on them.

WELCOME to our column – Outraged. It stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from *MATCH WEEKLY* readers – and which, in turn, outrage *MATCH* writer, TREVOR HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further – and win £2 in the process – by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to *MATCH WEEKLY*. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.

Fans deserve better

It's terrible that clubs like Nottingham Forest, Wolves, Liverpool and Everton are usually first to lead the queue for big signings but cannot afford the meagre £50,000 so to install undersoil heating. Clubs like Arsenal and Leeds have this and it saves a lot of trouble and money. Nothing can be worse than getting up on a freezing cold day, travelling hundreds of miles to watch your favourite team and finding the game's off when you get there.

David Elias (14), Huyton, Liverpool.

● I agree mate. I think it's outrageous that more clubs don't consider their fans in this respect. Liverpool certainly got their come uppance at Coventry though.

Clemence's boob

Peter Holmes said in issue 19 that he gets great amusement from some displays by certain Scottish goalkeepers. Well I say most Scottish goalkeepers are as good as English ones. English goalies make mistakes as well. We can all remember Ray Clemence letting the ball through his legs at Wembley in 1977 can't we?

Gordon Watson, Edinburgh.

● I thought the first part of your letter was nonsense until I read the last. It was at Hampden in 1976 when Ray Clemence made his howler – about the only time he's slipped up in an England shirt.

What you say about the column.

Scotland squeaks

What does 'Outraged' mean about the attendances being greater in the English First Division than in the Scottish Premier League. Did you stop to think of the population differences? The Premier League is so tight it squeaks – every team is capable of taking on either the top or bottom of the table. Teams go up and down every week making the next week's game all the more challenging. Take a good look at the Premier League before shooting it down pal.

*P.S. Scotland 1 – England lost.
N. Brown, Dundee, Scotland.*

● It ought to be tight with so few teams in the Premier League.

Patriotism gone mad

If Trevor Haylett is any sort of writer he should never put patriotism before his job. He is a very stupid man if he expects us Scots to be repeatedly knocked by you English. If he looks at the Rangers-Celtic derby's they are far more exciting and give a greater atmosphere than any top English game. I ask all Scottish supporters to write in force to comment on Haylett's views.

P.S. Hampden, 1980 – Scotland 2, England 1.

James Bowyer (15), Edinburgh.

● O.K. Rangers v Celtic I agree with, but what about Liverpool v Everton, Manchester United v Manchester City, Arsenal v Spurs, etc.

What rubbish

David Munro's letter about Scottish fans being the most loyal in the world is the biggest load of rubbish I have ever heard. He's obviously forgotten the '78 World Cup in Argentina, when after being beaten by Peru and only drawing against Iran, the Scottish fans in Argentina chanted: "We want our money back" and "What a load of rubbish". His criticism of the English fans is not warranted after the great support at Wembley during the disappointing 70's in which England didn't qualify for the World Cup or European Championships.

Shaun Twitchen (16), High Wycombe, Bucks.

● Quite right! Loyalty to England has been amazing but

then again it must be said that Scotland's fans, having been promised the earth by Ally MacLeod travelled vast distances and paid large sums for the privilege of being badly let down in Argentina.

So biased

I want to comment on Outraged's very biased and typically English reply saying that the English teams are much better than the Scottish. After all it was a Scottish team, Celtic, who became the first British team to win the European Cup.

Alister Meechan, Ayrshire.

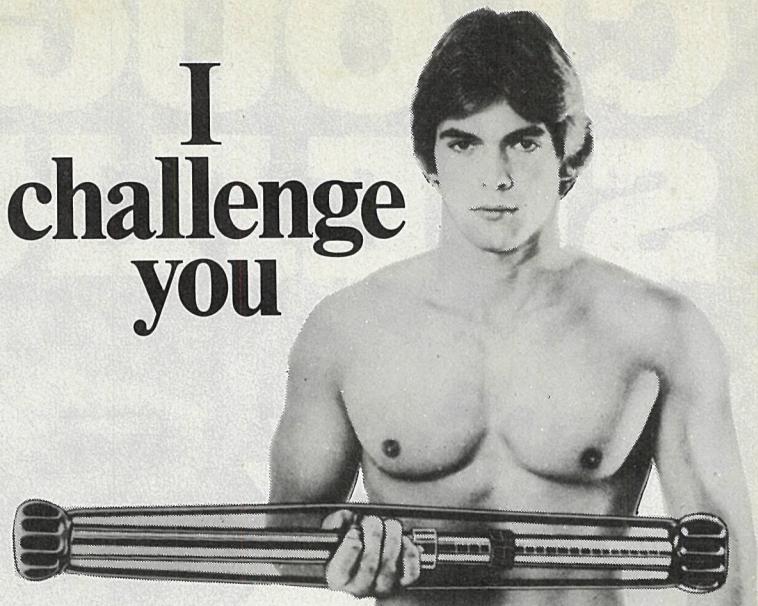
● And how many times have Scotland won it since? England have won it four times.

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Europe: I fear the Germans

NEXT month Arsenal, Celtic and Nottingham Forest fly the British flag in Europe . . . and I'm worried about it.

Worried because there are only three of us left in there fighting against the Germans, the Spaniards, the French and the rest.

It's an indictment against our football that a lot of our clubs have fallen at the early hurdles and if the trend continues then it will bring an element of doubt to the people — me included — who maintain that we have the best League in the world.

What frightens me even more is that wherever I look in the draws for the European competitions, I see a German club.

We might be the holders, but I'm not surprised to hear people say that if you want to win the European Cup you've got to see Hamburg off.

It was the same last year with Cologne and after they had come to Nottingham and got a 3–3 draw in the first leg of the semi-final, there were claims that we couldn't live with German football.

We proved the doubters wrong on that occasion but the

Germans are back again this year. In the UEFA Cup there are so many German sides left in the competition that the draw reads like next week's fixtures in the Bundesliga.

It's all very healthy for the Germans — but I'm more concerned with where it leaves us in England.

The more I think about it, the more I feel the pressure is on Arsenal, Celtic and ourselves to not only carry the flag, but to make sure it is still flying at the end of the road.

I'd love to see Celtic and ourselves contesting the European Cup final in Madrid and, although no one south of Nottingham will believe me, I would dearly like to see Arsenal win the European Cup Winners' Cup.

It's important for the sake of British football that we don't fall in the same manner as other sides.

Take a team like Ipswich. They have been regular representatives of ours in European football over the last few years. But how far have they got?

At home they have consistently proved to be one of our better sides but they



Garry Birtles in European Cup action for Forest in their first round tie with Oesters at the City ground.

have taken the K.O blow in Europe so often that it leaves people like me bewildered.

Ipswich might argue that they had some bad luck with draws, meeting fancied sides early on in the competition but if you had the freedom to pick your own opposition, the whole game would be a farce.

And while I'm on the subject, I'm mystified why Kevin Keegan should feel that he and his Hamburg comrades would rather have faced Forest or Celtic than Hajduk Split in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

We don't mind who we meet or at what stage. When we were paired with Liverpool last season in the first round of the European Cup, we didn't complain or moan about it. We just got on with the job of trying to get through to the next round.

So draws should be accepted and it's for our clubs to take the opposition as they come and try to make their presence felt on the Continent.

My mind goes back to last summer after we had won the European Cup . . . and kept it in England for the third year running.

I got a letter of congratulations from the chairman of the Football Association, Sir Harold Thompson, who said how pleased he was because, among other things, it meant that we had an extra club in Europe this season.

But we haven't exactly set Europe ablaze, have we?

Brian Clough

GOLDEN GOALS



Pint-sized Stan Cummins (third from left) unleashes his spectacular shot which flew into the Cambridge net, despite the despairing lunge of David Stringer. 'Pop' Robson daren't look!

Stan Cummins (Sunderland) v Cambridge United at Cambridge, Division Two, January 19, 1980.

IT WAS such a smooth move it almost looked planned, but Stan Cummins' sweetly-taken goal for Sunderland in their 3-3 draw with Cambridge was purely 'off the cuff'.

"I didn't plan it, it just happened," said 21-year-old Stan, finding a new lease of life with the 'Rokerites' after an unhappy spell with Middlesbrough.

"I remember the move started with Claudio Marangoni, with some neat play on the edge of our area. Alan Brown played the ball off to the right and worked a neat one-two with Kevin Arnott, who spotted my diagonal run into the box."

"I played it off to Steve Whitworth, who supported

down the right and sent in a cross to Alan Brown. Alan didn't quite get it right but played a nice cross-over with me on the edge of the box.

"I was going to shoot after a couple of strides but a defender came across and I had to make another yard before letting my left-foot shot go."

"It might have looked a pre-plan move, but it wasn't, it was completely off the cuff - so was the cross-over with Alan. I worked on it a lot at Middlesbrough, but not at Sunderland."

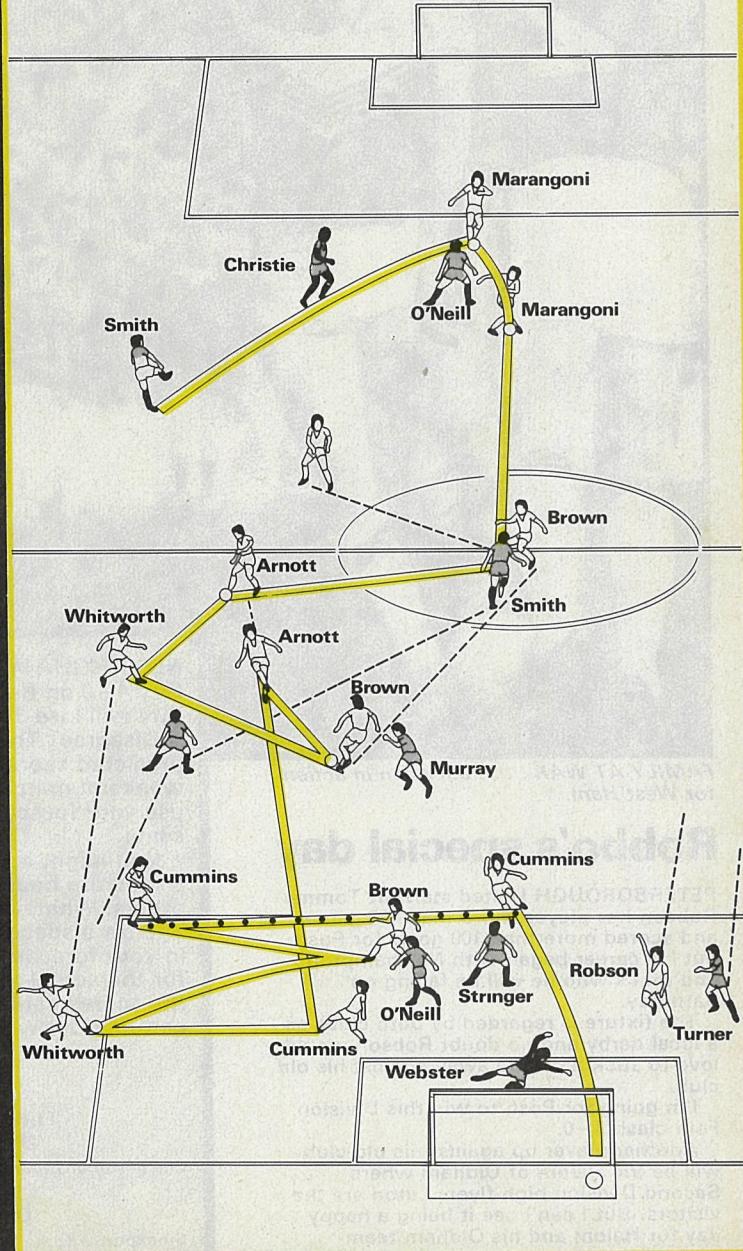
"It was a great goal for me - my fourth for Sunderland - but not the best I've scored. That came against Newcastle two years ago, when I combined with John Craggs and hit a beauty."

It has been an indifferent two years for the pint-sized Geordie, but now he is enjoying the best spell of his life following his £300,000 move across Teesside.

"It's great man. It's great to be wanted. I got the feeling when John Neal took over from Jack Charlton I could do nothing right for him and I finally asked for a move."

"My transfer request was torn up at first, but he finally agreed to let me go. Now I'm really enjoying myself. Everything is bigger and better and Sunderland are fighting to win something. We won the Daily Express five-a-sides within a month of me joining the club. Promotion would be a great double."

Stan Cummins (left) in action in the Daily Express five-a-sides for Sunderland, challenges Newcastle's Tommy Cassidy. Sunderland won this semi-final 4-0 and went on to win the title.



CLASH OF THE AL

COUSINS Paul and Clive Allen are in danger of writing their own sequel to the television series 'Family at War'.

On Saturday they are set to oppose each other in a League game for the first time in their short but explosive careers.

And with Paul playing for West Ham and Clive for Q.P.R., it will split the soccer-mad Allen family down the middle.

But at worst it will be a war of words and I'm sure that the Allen clan watching from the Upton Park stands will be happy as long as their two

teenage superkids have a good game . . . whatever the result.

Certainly it's a family double act that could steal the show in what promises to be a classic derby confrontation between two promotion contenders.

Clive exploded into the Rangers' first-team at the end of last season with a hat-trick on his debut . . . and never looked back. This term he's been a regular first-tearer and with 20 goals to his credit has emerged as a striker to be feared.

His cousin Paul — younger by two years and still only seventeen — has made his

mark in midfield with the Hammers. The fact he has been able to hold his place alongside such established stars as Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire speaks for itself.

But there's nothing of the cocky cockney in either of these two likeable youngsters.

They are bound by close family ties — in fact Paul used to go and watch Rangers with Clive's father Les, a former manager of Q.P.R. Les is, in fact, Paul's uncle.

Their respective homes are just 20 minutes drive apart in Essex and they often meet outside football, although the topic of conversation never wanders far from the game.

But for 90 minutes on Saturday their relationship will count for nothing when the fraught atmosphere of a London derby takes over.

Says Clive: "We are both pro's now so once the match starts it will be just like playing against any other professional."

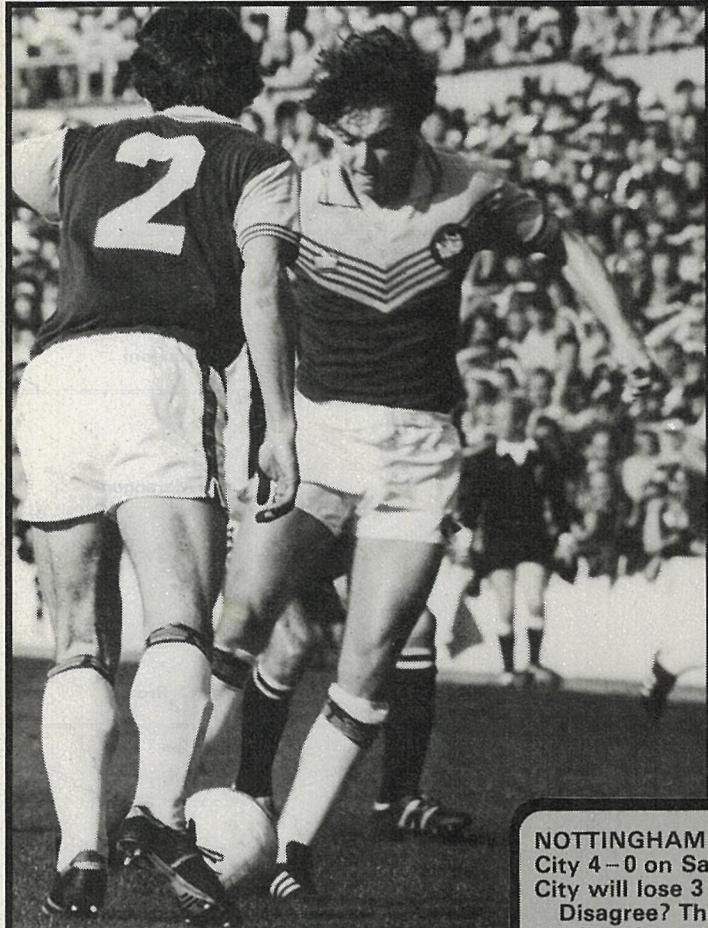
"But Saturday will definitely be a day out for all the family. I should think there will be twenty relations at the game."

"I have played against Paul at local football level and we have played in the same youth team, but we have never faced each other in a League game. From what I have seen and heard Paul is doing an excellent job for West Ham. He's a good ball-winner and he's got steel."

When the two teams met at Loftus Road earlier in the season Rangers won 3–0 and Clive scored two goals. He'd be delighted to do the same again.

But Paul — who was still playing for West Ham reserves at that time — will be doing all he can to prevent it.

"Clive's a good player who has scored some good goals and I hope he keeps scoring and doing well for himself . . .



FAMILY AT WAR . . . Paul Allen in action for West Ham.

Robbo's special day

PETERBOROUGH United stalwart Tommy Robson has played more than 400 games and scored more than 100 goals for Posh, but his career began with Northampton . . . and that's who he will be facing on Saturday.

The fixture is regarded by both clubs as a local derby and no doubt Robson would love to stick a couple away against his old club.

I'm going for Posh to win this Division Four clash 3–0.

Another player up against his old club will be Vic Halom of Oldham where Second Division high-flyers Luton are the visitors. But I can't see it being a happy day for Halom and his Oldham team-mates.

STRATTON on Saturday

MATCH writer Paul Stratton takes a look at the weekend's soccer menu previewing some of the most interesting ties and focuses on one player, whose Saturday will be that bit more special than most.

but not on Saturday," he said.

Added Paul, who was skipper of the England Youth team last year: "Really I'm just pleased to be able to hold my place in the team. I hope I'm in for Saturday. I'm really enjoying the football but I know I've still got a lot to learn."

"I used to just read about the West Ham players. Now I am playing with them. Patsy Holland has been great to me and Billy Bonds has been a big influence. I just want to do well for West Ham and I'm learning all the time."

"I'm still nervous before every game and I suppose I might be a little bit more nervous on Saturday with the atmosphere and everything. I'm still wondering what it will be like to play against Clive."

One thing Paul would like to do is score more goals, but he doesn't face the same pressure in that department as cousin Clive.

"I feel I'm not doing as well as everyone expects me to if I don't score, but as long as I help the team effort that's the most important thing," says Clive.

"I think we have missed Stan

NOTTINGHAM Forest will beat Bristol City 4–0 on Saturday and Manchester City will lose 3–0 at Coventry.

Disagree? Then read on. I have predicted scorelines for all the weekend matches and I'd like you to use your football knowledge to do the same.

You might agree with me on some — you are bound to disagree on others. Whatever the case have a go. There's a special column for you to fill in your forecasts and a further column for the actual results . . . then when the scores come in on Saturday you can find out who got most right.

Match	You predict	You predict	Result
Friday, February 8			
Division Three			
Colchester v Grimsby	2–1		
Division Four			
Stockport v York	1–1		

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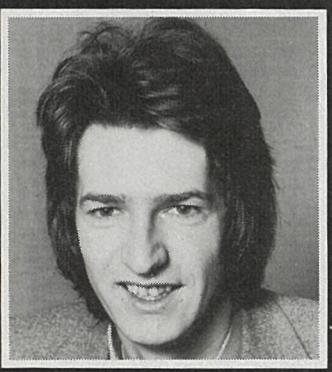
Saturday, February 9
Division One

Arsenal v Aston Villa	1–0	_____
Coventry v Manchester C.	3–0	_____
Crystal Palace v Stoke	2–0	_____
Everton v Ipswich	2–2	_____
Leeds U. v Bolton W.	3–1	_____
Manchester U. v Wolves	2–0	_____
Middlesbrough v Derby	1–0	_____
Norwich v Liverpool	1–2	_____
Nottingham F. v Bristol C.	4–0	_____
Southampton v Brighton	2–1	_____
W.B.A. v Tottenham	1–0	_____

Division Two

Birmingham v Orient	1–0	_____
Bristol R. v Preston	0–0	_____
Cambridge v Cardiff	2–1	_____
Fulham v Leicester	1–1	_____
Oldham v Luton	0–2	_____
Shrewsbury v Charlton	3–1	_____
Sunderland v Burnley	3–0	_____
Swansea v Notts. Co.	1–0	_____
Watford v Chelsea	1–2	_____
West Ham v Q.P.R.	2–0	_____
Wrexham v Newcastle	0–0	_____

CLIVE ALLEN SUPERKIDS



Bowles since his move. He is a good professional and a class player. You can only learn from someone like that, but hopefully we can get back on the promotion trail. This season it's been a case of drop a point and drop two or three places in the table.

"If we can get back to a winning run we'll be there or thereabouts at the end of the season. I think West Ham will be around too - I'd like to see a few more London sides in the First Division."

"Saturday's game should see some good open football. West Ham are an attacking side and I think it will be quite a game - it would be great to get two goals against them again," said Clive.

The match will bring back a few happy memories for Phil Parkes - the West Ham keeper. Parkes became the most expensive goalkeeper on record when he was transferred from Q.P.R. last February.

Just for the record Rangers haven't won on their last four visits to Upton Park . . . and in my book it will be fifth time unlucky.



FAMILY AT WAR . . . Clive Allen notches his second goal as Q.P.R. romp to a 3-0 win over West Ham earlier this season.

Villa test for Gunners

JIMMY Rimmer will be hoping to be on top form on Saturday when he returns to his old Highbury home.

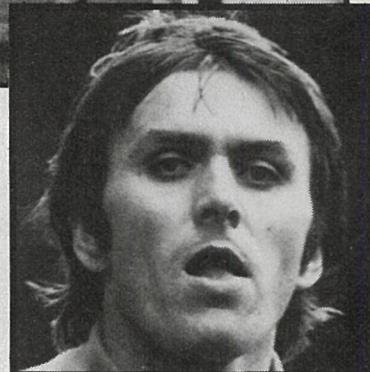
His Villa team have enjoyed something of a re-birth of late and could test the Gunners for whom Rimmer played 124 games before moving to the Midlands.

But scoring has been something of a problem for Villa at Highbury and in the last

four visits they have only managed two goals.

Manchester City travel to Highfield Road in the knowledge that they have won on two of their last three visits.

But City have had a terrible season and Coventry recently produced what must be termed a shock 1-0 win over Liverpool at home. It should be the home team's day on Saturday.



Aston Villa 'keeper Jimmy Rimmer lines up against his former club-mates at Highbury on Saturday.

Division Three		
Blackburn v Blackpool	2-0	-----
Brentford v Wimbledon	4-1	-----
Bury v Oxford	2-2	-----
Carlisle v Exeter	1-1	-----
Chesterfield v Rotherham	3-0	-----
Gillingham v Hull	1-0	-----
Millwall v Barnsley	2-0	-----
Plymouth v Southend	2-0	-----
Reading v Chester	1-1	-----
Sheffield U. v Mansfield	1-0	-----
Swindon v Sheffield W.	3-2	-----

Division Four		
Crewe v Aldershot	0-2	-----
Halifax v Bournemouth	0-0	-----
Newport v Doncaster	2-0	-----
Peterboro' v Northampton	3-0	-----
Portsmouth v Rochdale	4-0	-----
Port Vale v Huddersfield	1-3	-----
Scunthorpe v Bradford	1-1	-----
Torquay v Hartlepool	2-1	-----
Tranmere v Lincoln	1-0	-----
Walsall v Darlington	1-0	-----
Wigan v Hereford	2-0	-----

Scottish Premier Division		
Dundee U. v Rangers	1-1	-----
Hibernian v Morton	1-2	-----
Kilmarnock v Dundee	1-0	-----
Partick T. v Celtic	0-1	-----
St. Mirren v Aberdeen	0-0	-----

Division One		
Clyde v Airdrie	0-2	-----
Clydebank v Dunfermline	2-0	-----
Dumbarton v Hearts	1-1	-----
Hamilton v Berwick	1-0	-----
Motherwell v St. Johnstone	3-1	-----
Raith R. v Arbroath	2-0	-----
Stirling A. v Ayr	0-0	-----

Division Two		
Albion R. v Alloa	3-0	-----
Brechin v Stranraer	2-1	-----
Cowd'nbeath v St'housemuir	1-0	-----
East Fife v Falkirk	1-2	-----
East Stirlingshire v Meadowbank	2-0	-----
Montrose v Queen o' South	4-2	-----
Queen's Park v Forfar	0-0	-----

Tough for Mansfield

THIRD Division Mansfield make the short journey to Sheffield United for what will be their first League visit to Bramall Lane.

On paper it looks like a tough game for the visitors against a United side that has held top spot in the table for so long this season.

But it's interesting to note that in the two F.A. Cup meetings between the two sides Mansfield have won both.

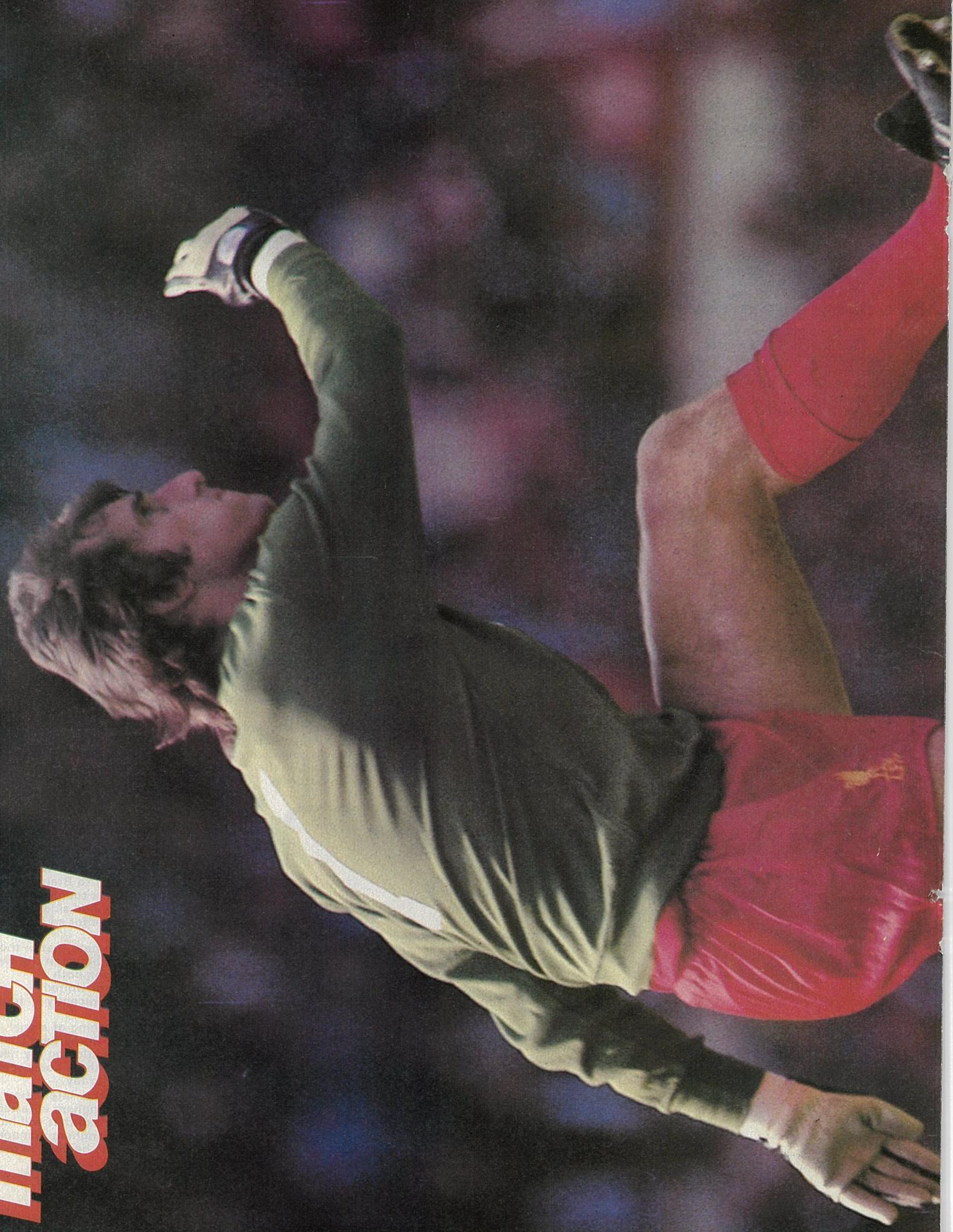
However, I'm going for United - victims of a rough spell recently - to pull this one off.

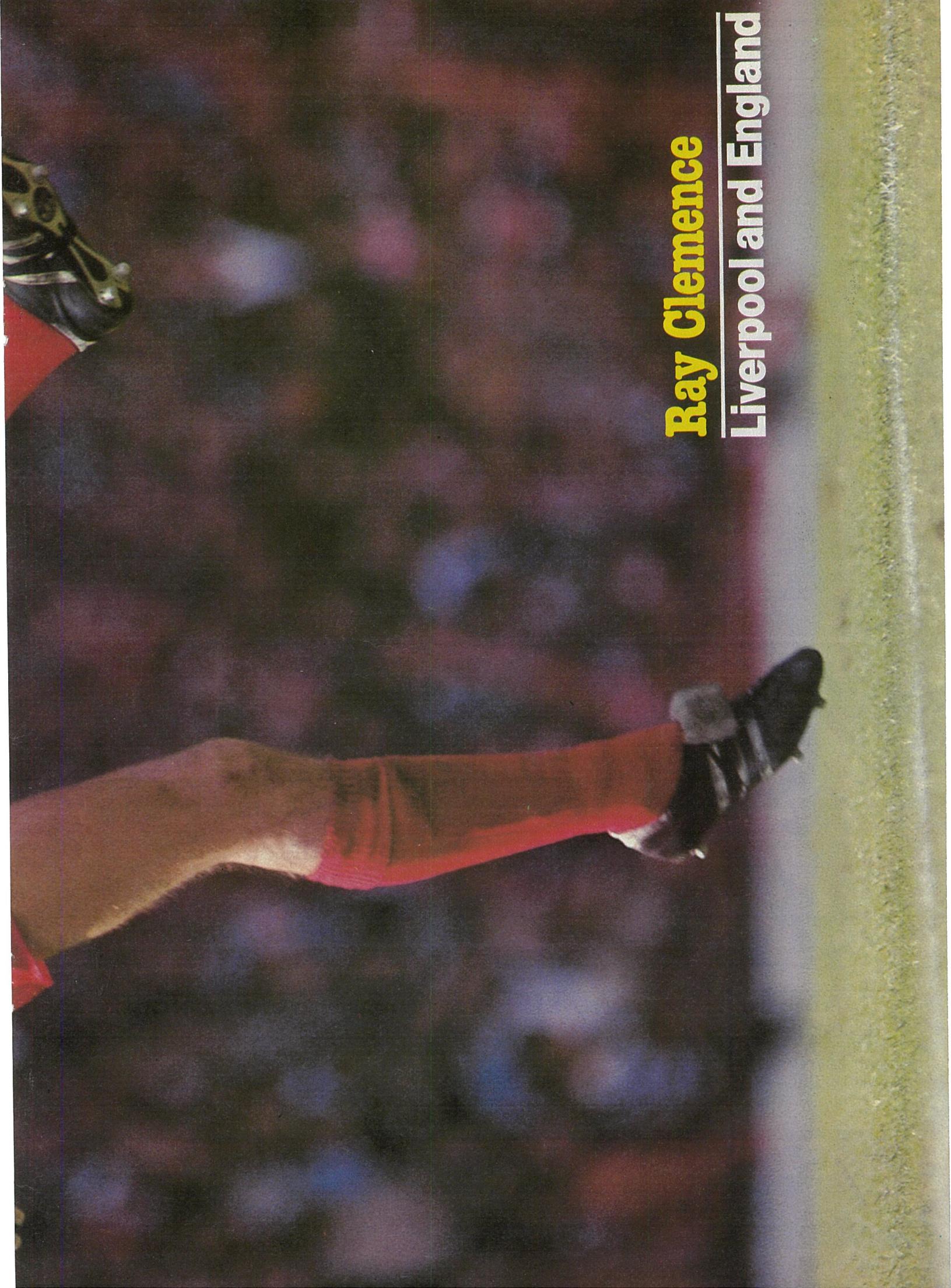
There has been something of a goal famine in past visits of Rotherham United to Chesterfield, but I'm sticking my neck out to say there will be three goals scored when they meet on Saturday.

There's a couple of other interesting games in the Third. Gillingham entertain Hull City and that's a clash that will have special meaning for Gillingham manager Gerry Summers because he used to play half-back for Hull.

And Reading striker Mick Kearney will be out to score against his old club Chester.

match
action



A photograph showing a person's lower body in motion. They are wearing red shorts and black sneakers. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a nighttime setting.

Ray Clemence

Liverpool and England

HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 20 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 10 and 19 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 10 - keep practising and reading **MATCH WEEKLY** every week.

• ANSWERS ON PAGE 39

- From which club did West Ham sign Britain's most costly teenager Ray Stewart?
- The youngest man to captain a British Football League team, was a 17-year-old who captained Falkirk in 1977. Name him.
- With which club did Allan Clarke start his League career?
- From which club did Chelsea sign Petar Barota?
- Which team knocked Wrexham out of this season's European Cup Winners' Cup?
- Which team conceded the least number of goals in the English Football League last season?
- Which club has won the F.A. Cup on the most occasions?
- Who scored Leeds United's goal in their 1-0 win over Arsenal in the 1968 Football League Cup final?



If you know where Q.P.R.'s Gordon Hill started his League career you've got the answer to question 16.

- Who captained the Southampton team that won the F.A. Cup in 1976?

- Which player scored the most goals in last season's Football League Cup competition?
- Identify the following clubs from their nicknames:
(a) The Trotters,
(b) The Tigers,
(c) The Jags.
- Which player has scored the most goals in a season in Division One since the last war?
- Name the first team from outside the Iberian peninsular to win the European Cup.
- Which club was originally named Riverside?
- Which team defeated Glasgow Rangers in the final of the 1967 European Cup Winners' Cup?
- With which club did Gordon Hill start his League career?
- Name the first player to score goals in both the F.A. Cup final and the Football League Cup final.
- Leeds United were the first British club to win the European Fairs Cup. Which team did they defeat in the final?
- Who scored both goals for Arsenal in their 2-0 win over Liverpool in the 1950 F.A. Cup final?
- Name the first-ever winners of Division Two.

★ ★ ★ ★ THE NAME'S THE SAME

MANY players and managers have surnames which are places, (countries, towns and counties). Can you identify these places (most of which are football teams) from the clues?

- Alan, of Ipswich Town, has won the World Cup three times!
- Pat, of West Ham, has been the World Cup runners-up twice!
- Jackie, a Division Three manager, is an Athletic team!
- A Spurs' foreigner is part of a Birmingham club!
- Ian, of Watford, is a wandering team!
- Alan, of Arsenal, just missed promotion last season!
- The Manager of the Year is St. Mirren's home town!
- Sammy, of Arsenal and Northern Ireland, is a team in the Lancashire Football Combination (and an admiral)!
- Alan, of West Ham, is Torquay United's county!
- Alan, manager of Stoke City, is a city and port of South Africa!



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PRIVATE EYES

HERE are two central defenders with London clubs. Can you spot them from their eyes? It's not an easy one so here's a clue to the clubs they play for ARMoured ROYALTY. Answers on page 39.



a

b

Spot the difference

HOW many differences can you spot between the Cartoon A on the left and Cartoon B on the right? Our cartoonist has made 10 changes – see if you can spot them. Answers on page 39.



Win a cassette radio

THERE'S a fabulous new prize for this week's crossword – a superb portable cassette radio with three wavebands. And there are five leather footballs as runner-up prizes.

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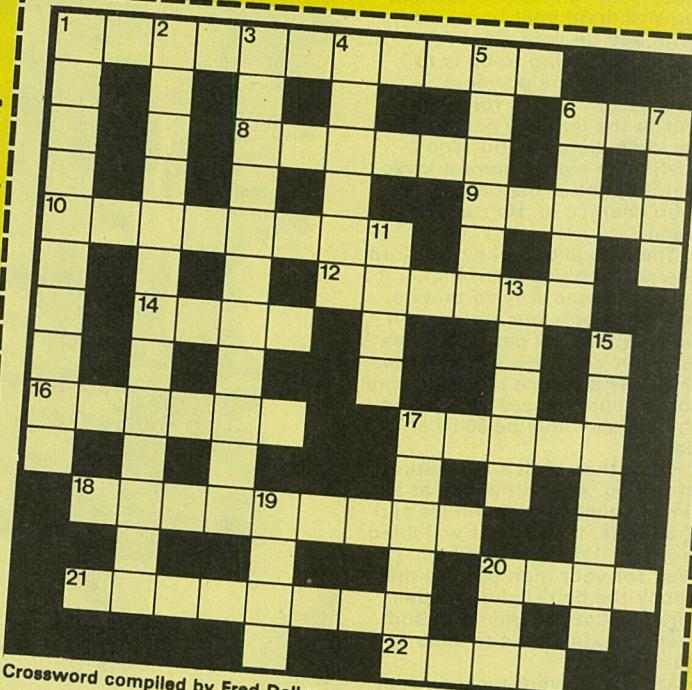
- It's the only major League club in either England, Scotland or Wales that has the letter 'J' in its name. (2,9)
- He usually sits on the bench until required.
- Number of minutes in an injury-free match.
- F.A. Cup winners in 1971–72.
- First Division 'Seagulls'.
- St. were Scottish League

- Division One champions in 1976–77.
- Managers often compile one on an opposing team.
- Everton forward formerly with Q.P.R.
- West Ham's buccaneering Billy.
- Either Wolverhampton or Bolton.
- W.B.A.'s £450,000 signing from Manchester City.
- Switch Reg Buid into Palace's last line of defence. (anagram)
- Fourth Division club from a cathedral city.

DOWN:

- Can you turn Lee Banstow into a recent Cloughie signing? (4,6 anagram)
- Norwich City striker. (6,7)
- Team-mate of 21 across.
- And yet another of Venables' young Eagles!
- Tottenham Terry.
- Scots' boss.
- Wayward Irish genius – currently with Hibs.
- Knock shin into a one-time

- Derby and England defender. (anagram)
- Allan of Villa Park.
- Man who often saves for 10 across.
- This Ipswich defender sounds a hefty sort of chap!
- Could be Gates of Ipswich or Steele of Watford.
- Neil plays for Morton – though he sounds as if he has rowing club connections!



Crossword compiled by Fred Dollar

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Address _____

Age _____

SCORE SIX

USING only the letters that appear in CHARLTON ATHLETIC, can you find the six soccer words in each, indicated by the club.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

- Manager's assistant.
- First name of Watford's chairman.
- Luton striker.
- George.
- Shackleton.
- Gemmill.

LEARN TO PLAY THE

KEEGAN WAY

AS THE modern-day game develops it is becoming more and more important that forwards tackle back and win the ball from defenders.

For the days when defenders were the only ones expected to tackle have long gone. Defenders are so skilful nowadays they can quickly become attackers during a game.

And it is so important that forwards can become defenders to help cancel out the threat.

I now regard tackling as an essential part of my game. The sliding tackle is a particularly useful way of either winning the ball or at least robbing an opponent of possession.

I always feel particularly proud of myself if I win the ball in a sliding tackle, but be warned — it is a difficult tackle to execute properly and if you miss your timing you can end up sitting on your backside with egg on your face!

The first thing to do is to close down the player in possession. Try to force him out to the line and get within tackling distance, but don't rush in. A nippy forward loves nothing better than a defender who charges in. He's easy meat.

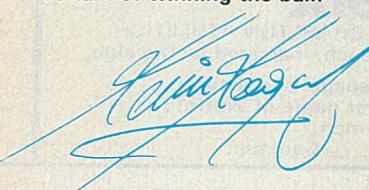
The idea is to jockey him into the position you want him, force him one way so that he can go in only one direction if he wants to get past. The idea is to cut down his possibilities. If he has a choice of which way to go your chances of winning the ball can only be 50-50 at best.

From then on it's a question of timing. Watch the ball at all times, ignore the dummies and the feints. If you start watching legs you'll never win a ball. Wait for your moment. He may knock the ball slightly further forward than he wants to and that's an ideal time to slide quickly in.

Make sure your tackling foot is slightly in front of the ball. Otherwise you will find it has gone before you get there.

A mistimed sliding tackle can mean disaster. Catch the player's legs and it could be a free kick or even a penalty. Miss both the ball and the player and there is no chance of catching him again.

Theoretically you should never slide tackle unless you are certain of winning the ball.



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SLIDING TACKLE

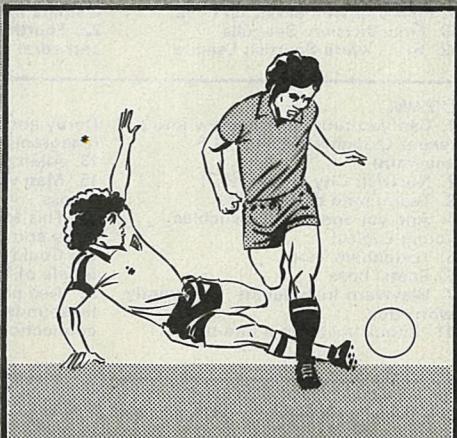
by Kevin Keegan



1. Move close alongside, closing the player down and keeping your eye on the ball at all times.



2. The tackle is made with the inside of the foot when the ball is furthest from the player.



3. You must make it count. There's no chance of catching him again.

match makers

BRYAN ROBSON

West Brom

FULL NAME: Bryan Robson.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Chester-le-Street, January 11 1957.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11 ins, 11st 7lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Denise.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Cortina 2000.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: Pop.
WORST EVER INJURY: Three years ago I broke both my legs in the same season.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Tony Currie – he's a superb midfield player.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Newcastle United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johan Neeskens – a 100 per cent player.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: This season's Liverpool team.
BEST ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks; Carlos Alberto, Facchetti, Beckenbauer, Statham; Rivera, Neeskens, R. Charlton; Jairzinho, Cruyff, Pele.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Maine Road.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: The Atletico Madrid stadium in Spain. I played there in 1975.
BEST GOAL SCORED: A 35-yarder with my right foot against Lincoln City in the FA Cup fourth round four years ago.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Frank Worthington's spectacular overhead kick and volley into the net for Bolton against Ipswich last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Every player in the First Division!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The UEFA Cup tie against Valencia at the Hawthorns last season which we won 2–0.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the mini-World Cup with England Youth in 1975.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking my left leg against Tottenham three years ago.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and Horse Racing.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Taking my wife out for a meal.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Boring training.
FAVOURITE TV: Happy Days.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Coronation Street.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Paul McCartney.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Claudia Cardinale.
BEST FILM SEEN IN '79: The Sting.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The Albion training staff and schoolteacher Bill Chapman.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Over the top tackles.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth, Under 21 and England B caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England and to win the World Cup with them.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To go into business on my own account.
A PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES: Albion's Derek Statham.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Clint Eastwood.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: To look after yourself and to train hard.

Bryan Robson



Arthur Graham

Leeds United



SCOT'S CORNER



Kennedy 'c'

He's the best right back in Britain-Ferguson

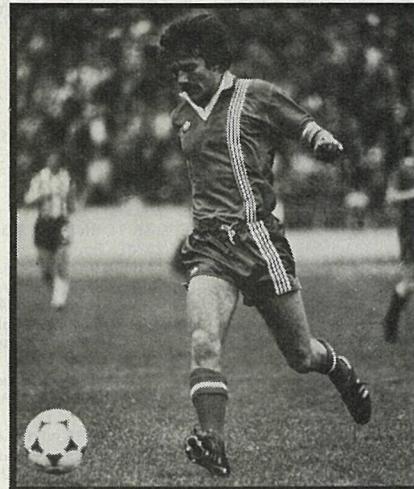
ABERDEEN full-back Stuart Kennedy was delighted to hear he had won a place in the MATCH ratings because before the start of the season it looked as if he might not be playing football at all.

Explains Stuart: "I had to pull out of the international squad for the British Championships because of a pelvic injury. It looks like Jimmy Greenhoff, of Manchester United, had to call a halt to his football career for much the same kind of thing."

"I had manipulative treatment and a course of tablets and it seemed to do the trick, but I know I've been lucky. It just goes to prove what a precarious business football is."

Kennedy, who is 26, joined the Dons for £70,000 from Falkirk when he was found by Ally MacLeod. It proved to be an inspired move by the former Scotland boss, as anyone who has watched the explosive attacking skills of Kennedy would agree.

To cap a great season Stuart would like nothing better than to add to the eight internationals he has played for Scotland. On current form



Stuart Kennedy . . . "I have worked hard on being accurate with the final ball," he says.

he is one player Jock Stein just cannot ignore.

Final word to Dons' boss Alex Ferguson. Hearing that MATCH had named Stuart best right-back in Scotland, he commented: "Correction, the best right-back in Great Britain!"

"I've still a lot to learn," says Tolmie

THERE may not be much of Morton forward Jim Tolmie, but what there is is quick, brave and skilful.

The 19-year-old who comes from the East End of Glasgow, is only in his second season with the club and is gradually being eased into the big time by manager Benny Rooney.

"We have been very careful not to rush Jim," says Benny. "We play him in two or three matches and then give him a bit of a break by using him as a sub."

"But there is no doubt he has a lot of talent and already has an Under-18 and Under-21 cap for Scotland."

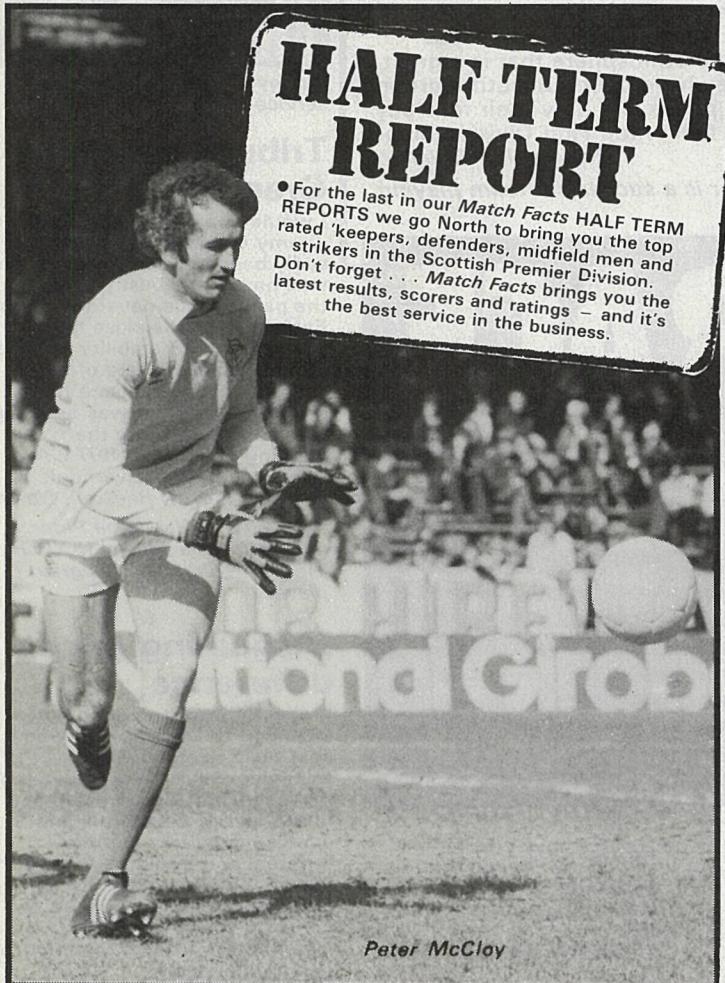
"He may be physically slim but he is very quick and brave in the box — exactly the kind of player a lot of clubs are looking for these days."

"He has all the ingredients to go far in the game."

Tolmie, signed from Auchengill Boys' Club, already knows what it is to fight his way back as a young teenager. He was involved in a car smash and ended up with two broken legs. A quiet youngster off the park, he knows how to assert himself when he crosses the touchline.

Surprised at his high MATCH ratings, he says: "It is very flattering, but I know I have a lot to learn. I have been very fortunate at Cappielow and owe a lot to the boss, Mike Jackson and reserve-team coach Allan McGraw."

all up' hint for Stein



Peter McCloy

* * *

Premier Division

Goalkeepers

McCloy (Rangers)	7.20
Baines (Morton)	7.15
Rough (Partick)	7.00
Latchford (Celtic)	6.99
Clark (Aberdeen)	6.98

Defenders

Kennedy (Aberdeen)	7.30
McGrain (Celtic)	7.10
Stark (Dundee United)	7.10
Jardine (Rangers)	7.00
Narey (Dundee United)	6.98

Midfield

Park (Partick)	6.98
Bone (St. Mirren)	6.97
Aitken (Celtic)	6.96
Anderson (Morton)	6.94
McLeod (Hibernian)	6.92

Strikers

Tolmie (Morton)	7.00
Johnstone (Rangers)	7.00
Archibald (Aberdeen)	7.00
Provan (Celtic)	6.99
Doyle (Celtic)	6.93

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AFTER only seven months in senior football, John Lumsden (18), of East Fife, has moved to Stoke City for £40,000, a record for the Methil side. He is the second East Fife player to travel south this season. Earlier, John Methven, a defender, went to Wigan Athletic for around £30,000.

★ ★ ★

BOBBY Wilson, manager of the Highland League side Keith, kitted all his players with multi-studded training shoes when they played the League leaders Ross County on a snow-covered pitch.

The club's money was well spent for Keith, last season's champions, were able to master the conditions better and beat the home side 5-0.

★ ★ ★

ABERDEEN plan to spend £500,000 making Pittodrie the most modern stadium in Britain before the end of the season. The plan will not affect the buying or selling of

Switch means talented Park will miss out

PARTICK Thistle's Donald Park was not all that surprised to learn he was named one of Scotland's top midfield players - but Don doubts very much if he will still be there at the end of the season.

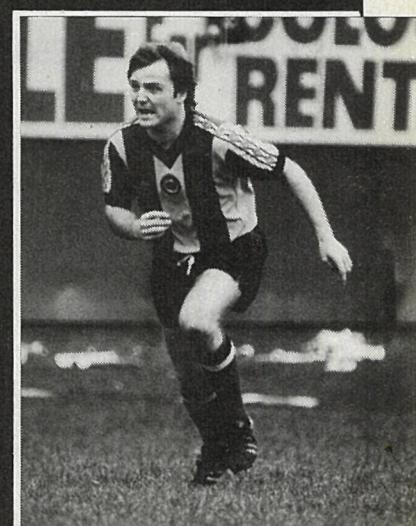
"I have had a very good start in the right midfield," says Don. "But following Bobby Houston's transfer to Kilmarnock I've been moved to a former position. I now play more as a winger and while I don't like it as much, the boss feels it is necessary for the team and, of course, I go along with that."

Park joined Thistle from Hearts in 1978 in a part-exchange deal which took Denis McQuad and John Craig to Tynecastle. There is no doubt who came out best in the deal.

McQuad and Craig have both moved to other clubs while the 26-year-old Highlander has become a key player at Sillhill.

"I must admit I had grave doubts about switching from full- to part-time football. But now I've no regrets. I've a good job outside the game and it means I'm much more relaxed and enjoy my football as a result."

"The switch from First



Partick Thistle's Donald Park tops the midfield ratings.

Division to Premier League was also quite traumatic. There is just no comparison of the standards."

Park, who is a Brewers' representative based in Edinburgh, travels to Glasgow by train with the Jags three nights a week. That means he covers a lot of miles - off the pitch as well as on it.

players to strengthen the Don's side, says chairman Dick Donald. The latest phase will cover the all-seated south terracing with a sunshine cantilever roof, making the ground the first all-seated, all-covered, ground in the country.

★ ★ ★

GORDON Crammond's first goal for his new club Kilmarnock - a header five minutes from the end in the game against Morton at Cappielow - gave the Ayrshire team their first away win this season as Premier League newcomers.

The two points could prove valuable in keeping 'Killie' in the top Scottish League and merit manager Dave Sneddon's payment of £55,000 for the pint-sized striker to Ayr United.

★ ★ ★

JACKIE McNamara, Hibs' 'Player of the Year', has been three years at Easter Road

without getting his name on the score sheet. But all was forgiven at Filbert Street where Hibs played Leicester City in a return friendly. Despite the bad conditions, Jackie shot Hibs into an early lead to break his 'duck' at long last. Hibs won 2-0, but one goal was enough for Jackie.

★ ★ ★

GEORGE Best could return to American soccer at the end of the season. Tulsa Roughnecks are showing interest in the Hibs' and former Manchester United star and he may cross the Atlantic again this summer.

Before returning to Hibs on a £2,000 per week contract, Best had a spell with Los Angeles Aztecs and Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and had problems with both of them. However, Roughnecks are impressed with reports on both his form and behaviour with Hibs.

Give us Celtic v Liverpool

It's a great shame that there aren't more Anglo-Scottish confrontations at club level. Fixtures like Liverpool v Celtic and Manchester United v Rangers would be obvious crowd-pullers. Perhaps it could be formed as a mini-League at the end of the season or during the summer break. Although the Anglo-Scottish Cup exists at present, it is rare that a top club from either country takes part.

Andy Rankin, York.

• Sounds good in theory Andy but do players really want more fixtures? We think not.

Stupid to pay £50 a goal

In reply to John Summers (issue Jan. 17-23), how can he be so stupid to say that if a person scored a goal he would get a £50 bonus. If that was in use people who get anywhere near the goal would shoot instead of passing to another player who might score. Another disadvantage is that the forwards would get more money than the defenders.

*Michael McKenna (12),
Hartlepool.*

• It does seem a very divisive idea. We can see some players coming to blows over it!

Even Clough can't win all the time

Last year Brian Clough tried to clamp down on the swear words used by his Nottingham Forest fans. However, on my way to last year's League Cup final about fifty Nottingham Forest fans piled in one carriage of the tube and started bashing in the roof. Then the four-letter words started. It was one instance that Brian Clough did not win.

David Harding, Southampton.

• Not even 'Cloughie' can be successful all of the time though his 'clean-up' call met with a tremendous response initially.

"At least I got two right!"

I didn't think much of Paul Stratton's Third Round F.A. Cup predictions. I'm no expert but I managed to get two results right, which is better than NONE! Mind you there were some pretty surprising results such as:
Bristol City 6, Derby 2;
Wrexham 6, Charlton 0;
Newcastle 0, Chester 2;
Halifax 1, Man. City 0;
Chelsea 0, Wigan 1;
Harlow Town 1, Leicester 0 (after replay).

Perhaps Leicester manager Jock Wallace knew what was coming when he said: "Funny things can happen in Cup matches."

Ivan Bicknell (9), Alton, Hants.

• Paul has taken a fair bit of ribbing from us in the office as well Ivan. He promises to do better next time!

Don't take away the atmosphere

£10

So many people have complained about dirty grounds but have people forgotten that we go to matches to watch football. The better the football the happier the fans, so why do people complain? Why the call for all-seated grounds, these would take away a lot of the atmosphere that is a great part of our football? Burnley have built a beautiful ground but have had to raise their prices and now their fans pay more than those fans who follow top First Division clubs.

Robert Dry, Cheshire.

• Surely the goal to aim for is a successful team playing in a superb stadium.

TERRACE TALK

SOMETHING to say about the game of soccer – or about something you've read in this magazine? Then this is YOUR page. Write to Terrace Talk, MATCH WEEKLY, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB. Full names and addresses, please, and your age if you don't mind telling us! Best letter of the week wins £10. Every other letter published – £2.

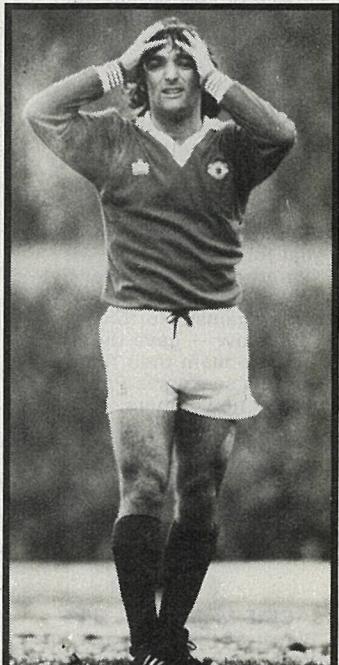
MACARI MYSTERY

As a keen Manchester United fan I would like to know why Lou Macari's socks differ from the rest of the United squad. It's not that I object to Lou wearing them – I was just

wondering if they were a kind of lucky charm. I hope that if Lou wears them for luck that it works for him and Manchester United.

*Seamus Duignan, Co. Meath,
Eire.*

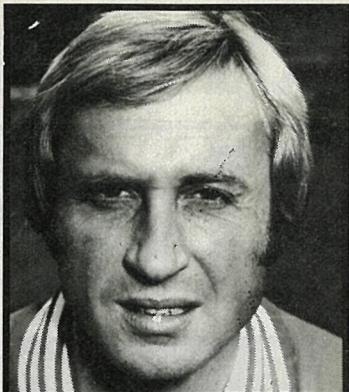
• Well Lou – can you supply the answer?



Lou Macari . . . and those United socks.



Steve Coppell . . . shows how the rest wear them.



Jimmy Greenhoff . . . a great service to football.

Tribute to Jimmy Greenhoff

I would like to pay tribute to Jimmy Greenhoff who has sadly been advised to retire. He was one of the best players of the past decade never to win an England cap. His close control, volleying and the ability to snap up half-chances were of a high standard. He was also a fine professional and it was befitting that he should score the winning goal in the 1977 F.A. Cup final against Liverpool.

Peter Parfitt, Beeston, Notts.

• Yeah, we fully agree Peter. Look out for a special MATCH WEEKLY tribute to this great player.

Disgusting price difference

I recently went to watch my local Fourth Division club and it cost £1.10 to stand. The following week I went to watch my local First Division club and it was just 65 pence to stand. I am disgusted by the price difference. It could be a good reason why the lower division's attendances are not higher. So come on you lower clubs – lower your prices if you want to get good support.

*Angus Macdonald (15),
Wisbech, Cambs.*

• It seems that some clubs have thrown out the idea of cheap entry for the youngsters – and to their cost.

Express delivery

In several editions of MATCH there have been advertisements for new-style American soccer jerseys. I managed to persuade my parents to take a chance as I really wanted Tampa Bay Rowdies and Los Angeles Aztecs. On December 12 I sent away asking if they could be sent before Christmas. On December 18 my mum received a call from Cash and Carry Sports of London saying they did not have those jerseys in stock. My mum picked two others and to our surprise on December 23 they were delivered. I was really pleased because they were New York Cosmos and Detroit Express and delighted that Cash and Carry took the trouble to get them to me before Christmas.

*Stuart Reynolds (13),
Stoke-on-Trent.*

• Nice to hear about such a personalised service from a big firm.

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Allan Evans
Aston Villa



THE TOUGH SIDE OF LIFE IN DIVISION 2

It's getting harder to score says Dixie McNeil

IT'S getting harder to score goals — that's the opinion of Wrexham striker Dixie McNeil, one of our all-time top goalscorers.

"Strikers these days are up against defenders who are just as quick to close a gap as a striker is to see it. Defenders are far more organised and the team discipline is much tighter. Most teams today play to a system and generally this means tighter defences. Therefore, the times when strikers could score 30 goals and more in a season are disappearing fast."

McNeil admits that with goals, generally, things ain't what they used to be.

"Strikers moving up a division find it difficult to maintain their goal-scoring feats.

"When I was in the Third Division with Hereford, I stood out because I used to score three-fifths of all the goals scored by the team in a season. That wasn't very good for the side because I believe that goals should be shared equally among the team. While I was with Hereford, I scored 85 goals in 128 games and, naturally, when Hereford were promoted, I was expected to bang in the goals just the same in the higher division. Sadly, it didn't work. Hereford managed only one season in the Second Division and I scored only 19 goals.



Wrexham's Dixie McNeil . . . "The days when strikers could score 30 goals or more in a season are disappearing fast."

"I worked it out that the difference between the Second and Third Divisions was that in Division Three I would get around six to seven scoring chances each game. In Division Two only a couple of chances come along in the 90 minutes, things move a bit quicker and you have to be very sharp to put away chances."

McNeil, who holds the record of scoring in 10 consecutive F.A. Cup rounds, says that goal scoring is a habit. "It's very easy to get rusty and lose the habit.

"But people shouldn't judge strikers purely on the number of goals they score. I often come off the field without a goal but still happy with my performance because I have attacked when the opportunity has arisen and defended when the side has been under pressure. In other words, I have played hard for the team.

"I cannot see anyone scoring 30 League goals this season," he says. "I don't mind the heavy pitches of February and March because they don't help defenders and there are always more chances around. My stamina is good so I always fancy my chances in the bad weather."

It's a joke Fulham are bottom says Gordon Davies

FROM non-League football to a place in the full Welsh international side for a big European Championship clash in Turkey. That's a huge step in anyone's footballing career and for Welshman Gordon Davies, it is something he will remember all his life.

Davies, the Fulham striker, made the move in around two years, an extraordinary rise to the top of the football tree from a place right at the bottom. One day, Davies was getting kicked off the park by tough, clumsy defenders in non-League football. His club, Merthyr, had a useful if slightly small striker — and apparently no one thought about Davies and the future until a few scouts and managers started arriving at the Welsh club to consider a transfer.

Fulham gambled on the Welshman — and that gamble paid off. Davies scored 10 goals in his first 35 games for the London club and was called up by then Welsh team boss Mike Smith, for the European Championship qualifier against Turkey in Izmir.

It's a long way from Merthyr to Izmir in anyone's language and Davies admitted: "I could hardly believe it when I arrived there. But the hostility of the Turkish crowd made sure I wasn't dreaming — they were the most hostile crowd I'd ever played in front of. Certainly a bit livelier than the Merthyr fans, even at their worst!"

"It was a fantastic experience for me and one I'll always treasure. But I'm not a person to let it all rest there, happy that I played for the top Welsh team. I want to become a

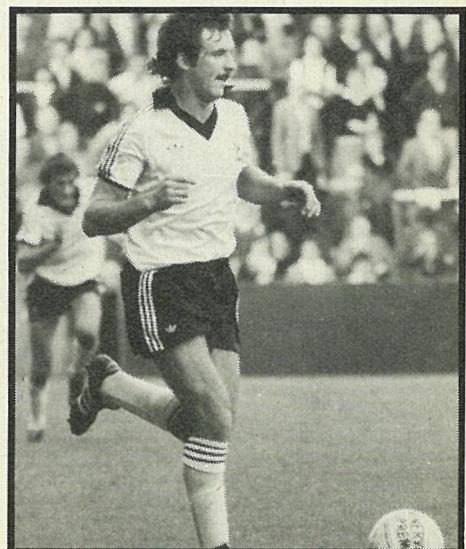
regular Welsh squad member and I'd love to win a regular place in the Welsh side. But whether I do that is up to me. If I can keep scoring and prove to the Welsh manager that I'm a good player, I believe I'll get further opportunities."

Meanwhile, nearer home, Davies has had something of an uneven season with struggling Fulham. He scored 13 goals for the Londoners prior to Christmas but then went six weeks adding only one to that tally. "Doing the same things, not getting the same outcome," he grumbled. "But keep plodding on and hope things come right . . . that's all I can do."

"I have faith in my goalscoring ability and also in the side's ability. We've played some fine football this season and ended up at the bottom of the table, it's a bit of a joke."

Davies' ambitions for the future, apart from his Welsh hopes, revolve around helping Fulham become a force in Division Two. "I'd like to play First Division football at some stage — but with Fulham," he says. "That may sound a bit odd when we're in the Division Two relegation zone but I'm convinced the club will improve and perhaps go on to success."

"It's been a frustrating time for everyone at Craven Cottage but despite that, I'm sure it's only a temporary hitch."



Fulham's Gordon Davies . . . "We have played some fine football this season, only to end up at the bottom of the table."

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

Players Ratings

10 — Out of this world
 9 — Outstanding
 8 — Excellent
 7 — Good
 6 — Adequate
 5 — Off form
 4 — Poor

Match ratings

★★★★★ A classic
 ★★★★★ Good value
 ★★★ Satisfactory
 ★★ Dull
 ★ Waste of money

Tuesday, Jan. 29

FA Cup

Fourth Round Replay

WREXHAM (2) 3 (McNeil 16, 32,
 Jones 72)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bonnyman 27)
 Att: 14,643
 Wrexham: Davies 7, Darracott 7,
 Kenworthy 7, Davis 7, Jones 8, Fox 8,
 Vinter 6, Sutton 6, Edwards 6,
 ★McNEIL 9, Carrodus 7.
 Carlisle: ★SWINBURNE 9,
 Hoolickin 5, Winstanley 5, MacDonald
 5, Ludlam 5, Parker 6, McVitie 6,
 Bonnyman 8, Beardsley 7, Hamilton
 7, Staniforth 7.
 Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BURY (0) 0
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Rowles 30)
 Att: 3,551
 Bury: Forrest 6, Constantine 7,
 ★WHITEHEAD 8, Waddington 6,
 Kennedy 7, Wilson 7, Halford 5,
 McIlwraith 5, Mullen 6, Johnson 5,
 Hilton 6.
 Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6,
 Downman 7, ★WIGNALL 8, Packer 7,
 Hodge 6, Foley 7, Leslie 6, Rowles 6,
 Lee 7, Allinson 7.
 Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Jan. 30

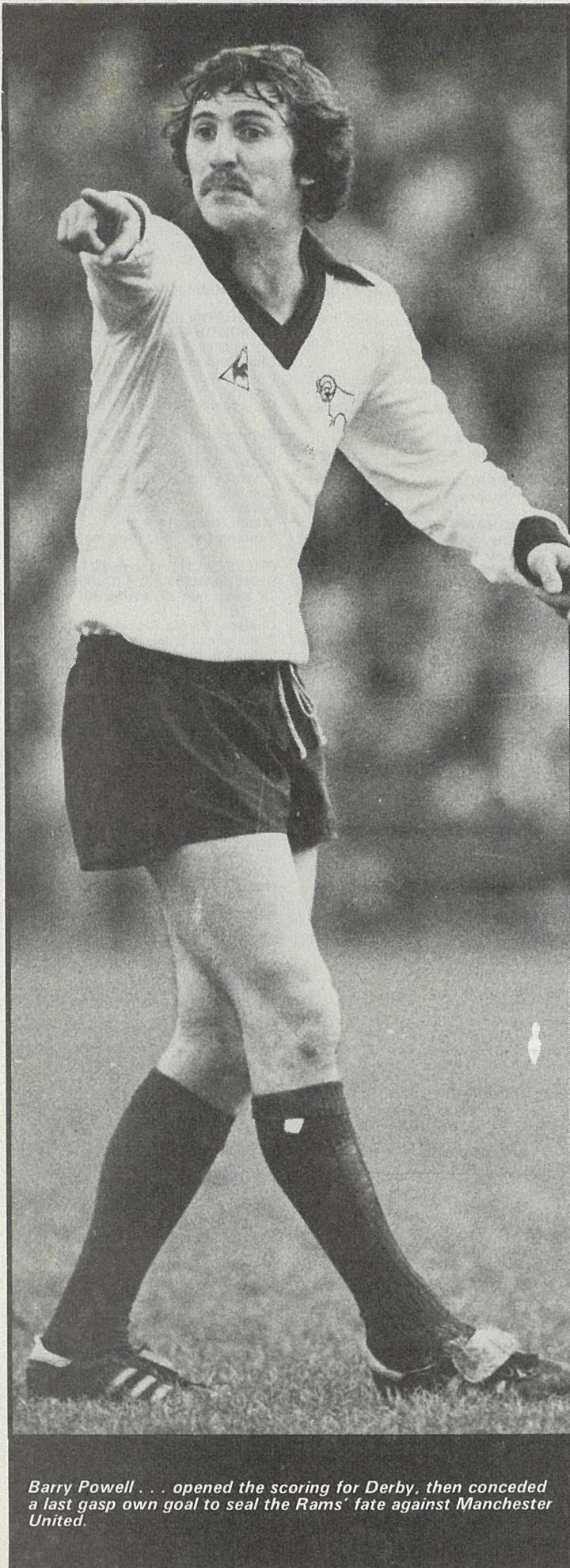
European Super Cup First Leg

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1
 (George 9)
BARCELONA (0) 0
 Att: 23,807
 Nottm Forest: Shilton 6, Anderson 6,
 Gray 6, O'Neill 6, Lloyd 7, Burns 7,
 ★FRANCIS 8, Bowles 7, Birtles 7,
 George 7, Robertson 6.
 Barcelona: ★ARTOLA 8, Zuviria 5,
 Miguel 6, Olmo 5, Serrat 6, Costas 6,
 Simonsen 7, Landaburu 5, Roberto 6
 (sub. Carrasco), Asensi 7, Rubio 6.
 Referee: A. Prokop (East Germany)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

FA Cup Fourth Round Replay

ASTON VILLA (2) 4 (Donovan 80
 secs, 39, Evans 59, Little 60)
CAMBRIDGE UNITED (1) 1 (Spriggs
 14)
 Att: 36,835
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7,
 Gibson 6, Evans 6, McNaught 7,
 Mortimer 7, Bremner 8, Little 8,
 ★DONOVAN 9, Cowans 6, Shaw 7.
 Cambridge: Webster 6, Turner 6,
 Smith 6, Stringer 6, Fallon 6, O'Neill
 7, ★STREETE 8, Spriggs 7, Finney 6,
 Murray 7, Reilly 6.
 Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal, Kent)
 Match Rating: ★★★

NORWICH (1) 2 (Bond 20,
 Mendham 55)
WOLVES (3) 3 (Eves 6, Richards 23,



Barry Powell . . . opened the scoring for Derby, then conceded a last gasp own goal to seal the Rams' fate against Manchester United.

Berry 44)
 Att: 23,101
NORWICH: Keelan 7, Bond 6, Downs 7,
 Ryan 7, Brown 5, Powell 5,
 ★MENDHAM 8, Reeves 7, Fashanu
 7, Paddon 7, Peters 7.
WOLVES: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6,
 Parkin 7, Daniel 7, Hughes 7,
 ★BERRY 8, Hibbit 7, Carr 6, Gray 7,
 Richards 7, Eves 7.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Armstrong 84,
 88)
SWINDON (0) 1 (McHale, pen 54)

Att: 46,707
Spurs: Daines 6, Hughton 7, Miller 6,
 Pratt 6, McAllister 6, Perryman 7,
 Ardiles 7, Jones 6 (sub. Taylor 6),
 Armstrong 6, ★HODDLE 8, Villa 6.
Swindon: Allan 6, Lewis 6, Stroud 6,
 McHale 8, Tucker 7, Carter 6, Miller 6
 (sub. Hamilton), Kamara 8, Rowland
 7, ★MAYES 9, Williams 7.
 Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH

FA Cup, Third Round

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 5 (Pettigrew
 29, 59, 68, pen 83, Sturrock 49)

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Pirie 89)
 Att: 18,604
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Stark 6,
 Kepel 7, Fleming 6, Hegarty 7, Phillip
 7, Bannon 7 (sub. Kirkwood 6),
 Sturrock 7, ★PETTIGREW 8, Holt 7,
 Payne 7.

Dundee: ★DONALDSON 8, Millar
 6, Schaeder 7, McLaren 6, Glennie
 6, Shirra 6, Murphy 5 (sub. Barr 6),
 Mackie 6, Pirie 6, Sinclair 6, Redford
 6.

Referee: I. Foote (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★★
 Sendings Off: McLaren, Sinclair
 (Dundee)

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 1 (McAdam
 88)

Att: 7,677
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, Welsh 6,
 McLean 6, ★CLARK 7, Clarke 6,
 McDicken 6, Gibson 5, Maxwell 5,
 Bourke 5, Cramond 6, Houston 5 (sub.
 Cairney 6).

Partick: ★ROUGH 8, McKinnon 6,
 Whittaker 6, Campbell 6, McAdam 6,
 Anderson 6, Doyle 6, Melrose 5,
 O'Hara 5, Jardine 5, Park 6.

Referee: B. R. McGinley (Balfron)
 Match Rating: ★★★

AIRDRIE (2) 3 (McGuire, pen 20,
 Enwin 44, McKeown 73)

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Goldthorpe
 65)
 Att: 3,300

ALLOA (0) 0

HEARTS (1) 1 (Fraser 34)
 Att: 3,463

DUNFERMLINE (2) 2 (McNaughton
 5, Leonard 30)

BUCKIE THISTLE (0) 0
 Att: 3,132

Third Round Replay

ABERDEEN (1) 5 (Hamilton 3,
 Scanlon 50, 66, 86, Archibald 62)

ARBroATH (0) 0
 Att: 10,500
Aberdeen: Clark 6, Kennedy 7,
 McMaster 7, McLeish 7, Rougie 6,
 Miller 7, Strachan 7, ★ARCHIBALD
 8, Hamilton 7, Jarvie 7, Scanlon 7.
Arbroath: Lister 6, McKenzie 6,
 Scimgeor 5, Cargill 6, Wells 5, Kydd
 6, ★STARK 8, Myles 6, Gavin 4,
 Barbour 4, Wilson 6.
 Referee: D. Ramsey (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★★

RANGERS (0) 2 (MacDonald, J 70,
 88)

CLYDE (0) 0
 Att: 12,000
Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 7,

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Dawson 7, Forsyth 6, Jackson 7, Stevens 6, Cooper 7, Russell 6, Johnstone 6, Watson 6.
★MacDONALD 8.
 Clyde: McWilliams 7, Filippi 7, Thorburn 7, Clougherty 7, **★KINNEAR 8.** Ahern 7, Hyslop 6, O'Neill 6, Hood 7, McCape 7, Kean 7.
 Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
 Match Rating: ★★

STIRLING (0) 1 (McPhee 81)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Sweeney 89)
 (After Extra Time)
 Att: 1,500

Division Four

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cooper, og 42)
BRADFORD CITY (0) 0
 Att: 3,860
Lincoln: McManus 6, Thompson 7, Neale 6, Shipley 6, **★PEAKE 9.** Carr 7, Hobson 7, Keeley 6, Harford 6, Cunningham 7, Bell 7.
Bradford: Smith 7, Podd 7, Watson 6, Robertson 6, Baines 7, Cooper 8, Black 7, Dolan 7 (sub. Staniforth), **★CAMPBELL 9.** McNiven 6, Hutchins 7.
 Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH

Division Two

MEADOWBANK (2) 3 (Conroy 11, Jobson 43, Small 81)
EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Cairns 86)
 Att: 300

Friday, Feb. 1

Division Four

CREWE (0) 1 (Nelson, pen 80)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 4 (Syrett 17, Ciss 35, Kellock 49, 85)
 Att: 2,924
Crewe: Grobbelaar 6, Lewis 6, **★BOWERS 8.** Hunter 6, Scott 6, Proprett 5, McMahon 6 (sub. Ashworth 6), Guy 6, M 6, Conroy 7, Palios 5, Nelson 7.
Peterborough: Waugh 7, Carmichael Phillips 7, **★GUY A 8.** Slough 7, Foster 7, Quow 7, Kellock 7, Ciss 6, Syrett 7, Cassells 6.
 Referee: T. Morris (Leeds)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE v TORQUAY — Match Postponed

Saturday, Feb. 2

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Cowans 33, Mortimer 90)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
 Att: 29,469
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Gibson 7, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, **★BREMNER 8.** Little 6, Donovan 7, Cowans 7, Shaw 6.
Crystal Palace: Burridge 6, **★HINSHELWOOD 8.** Sansom 6, Kember 6, Cannon 7, Boyle 7, Nicholas 6, Francis 6 (sub. Swindlehurst 6), Walsh 6, Flanagan 6, Hilaire 6.
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BOLTON v COVENTRY — Match Postponed

DERBY (1) 1 (Powell, B 33)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 3 (Thomas 38, McIlroy 89, Powell, B og 90)
 Att: 27,783
Derby: McKellar 6, Langan 7, Buckley 6, Daly 7, Webb 6, Osgood 6, Powell, S 7, Powell, B 6, **★BILEY 8.** (sub. McCaffery 6), Davies 6, Emson 5, **Man Utd:** Bailey 7, Nicholl 6, Houston 5, **★McILROY 8.** McQueen 6, Buchan 6, Coppell 6, Jovanovic 6 (sub. Grimes), Jordan 7, Macari 7, Thomas 7.
 Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Worcestershire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Wark 27)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Stevens 90)
 Att: 22,494
Ipswich: Cooper 8, Burley 6, Mills 7, Thijssen 7, **★OSMAN 9.** Butcher 6, Wark 6, Muhen 7, Mariner 6, Brazil 5, Gates 7.
Brighton: Moseley 7, Gregory 6, Williams 7, Horton 8, Foster 7, Suddaby 6, Ryan 6 (sub. Stevens), **★WARD 9.** Clarke 6, Lawrenson 6, O'Sullivan 6.
 Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
 Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL v LEEDS — Match Postponed

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Lee 61)
WBA (1) 3 (Regis 31, Barnes 47, 85)
 Att: 32,904
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 5, Donachie 7, Reid 6, Caton 6, **★BOOTH 8.** Henry 5, Daley 5, Robinson 6, Power 6, Lee 6.
WBA: Godden 7, Batson 6, Pendrey 6, **★MOSES 8.** Wile 6, Robertson 6, Robson 7, Brown 6, Regis 6, Owen 7, Barnes 7.
 Referee: A. Bridges (Deeside)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH v ARSENAL — Match Postponed

NOTTINGHAM FOREST v NORWICH — Match Postponed

STOKE (0) 1 (Rodgers, og 56)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att: 14,510
Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 7, Johnson 7, Irvine 6, **★SMITH 8.** Dodd 7, Heath 6, Richardson 7, Chapman 6, Crooks 6, Cook 7.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Gillies 6, Whitehead 6, Tainton 6, **★RODGERS 8.** Kenyon 7, Pritchard 6, Fitzpatrick 7, Ritchie 6 (sub. Doyle 7), Sweeney 6, Garland 6.
 Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 37,155
Spurs: **★DAINES 8.** Hughton 6, Miller 7, Yorath 6, McAllister 6, Naylor 5, Ardiles 7, Pratt 7, Armstrong 6, Hoddle 6, Taylor 7.
Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 6, Waldron 7, **★BAKER 8.** Watson 6, Nicholl 7, Ball 7, Boyer 6, Channon 7, Holmes 7, Hebbert 7.
 Referee: R. Robinson (Woodbridge)
 Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 0
EVERTON (0) 0

Att: 21,663
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 6, Parkin 7, Daniel 6, Hughes 6, Berry 5, Hibbitt 6, **★CARR 8.** Gray 5, Clarke 5, Eves 5.
Everton: Hodge 6, Gidman 7, Bailey 6, Stanley 6, Lyons 7, Wright 6, Megson 5, Eastoe 5, Latchford 5, **★HARTFORD 8.** McBride 5.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 5,394
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Jones 6, Cooper 7, Aitken 6, Taylor 7, Prince 6, Barrowclough 7, Williams 6, Penny 7, **★MABBUTT 8.** Pulis 6.
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Smith 6, Stringer 6, Fallon 6, O'Neill 7, Streete 6, **★SPRIGGS 8.** Reilly 7, Gibbons 6, Finney 6.
 Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
 Match Rating: ★★

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Burke 48, James 84)

FULHAM (0) 1 (Gale 58)
 Att: 6,902
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Scott 6, Jakub 6, Burke 6, Overton 7, Roddaway 6, James 6, Dobson 7, Hamilton 7, Cavener 7, **★SMITH 8.**
Fulham: Peyton 7, Peters 6, Strong 6, Money 6, Banton 6, **★GALE 8.** Gayle

6, Beck 6, Davies 6 (sub. Guthrie 6), Maybank 6, Greenaway 7.
 Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Lewis 89)
WATFORD (0) 0
 Att: 7,995
Cardiff: Healey 8, Dwyer 5, Hughes 4 (sub. Stevens 5), Campbell 5, Fontin 7, Thomas 7, Lewis 6, Bishop 6, Moore 6, **★ROSTRON 9.** Buchanan 6.
Watford: **★STEELE 8.** Henderson 6, Harrison 6, Patching 5, Sims 5, Bolton 7, Booth 5, Blissett 6, Jenkins 6, Train 5, Rostron 6.
 Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CHARLTON (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Gemmill 36)
 Att: 6,821
Charlton: Johns 6, Shaw 6, Madden 6, Ambrose 7, **★BERRY 8.** Hazell 6, Jacobson 6 (sub. Powell 7), Ostergaard 7, Hales 6, Walker 6, Gritt 6.
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Lees 6, Broadhurst 7, Curbisley 7, **★GALLAGHER 8.** Todd 6, Ainscow 6, Worthington 7, Bertschin 7, Gemmill 7, Johnston 6 (sub. Lynex).
 Referee: L. C. Shapter (Devon)
 Match Rating: ★★★
 Sending Off: Todd (Birmingham)

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Langley 21, 87)

SHREWSBURY (3) 4 (Dungworth 9, 29, Keay, pen 27, Atkins 86)
 Att: 18,120
Chelsea: Borota 6, Locke 6, Sparrow 7, Burnstead (sub. Johnson 6), Droy 6, Chivers 6, Britton 6, Fillery 6, Langley 7, **★WALKER 8.** Harris 6.
Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, King 6, Leonard 6, Turner 7, Griffin 6, Keay 7, Tong 6, Atkins 7, Biggins 7, **★DUNGORTH 8.** Maguire 7.
 Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Smith, pen 4)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 Att: 24,549
Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 6, Roje 6, Kelly 7, May 7, O'Neill 7, Lineker 6, Henderson 6 (sub. Welsh), **★YOUNG 8.** Wilson 7, Smith 7.
Newcastle: Hardwick 7, Brownlie 6, Davis 6, Cassidy 6, Barton 6, Boam 7, Shoulder 7, Cartwright 6, **★WITHE 8.** Carney 6 (sub. Rafferty), Connolly 7.
 Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LUTON (0) 2 (Saxby 78, Hatton 80)

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Donaghy, og 3)
 Att: 9,007
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 6, Saxby 7, Price 7, Donaghy 5, Greash 5 (sub. White 5), Hill 6, **★WEST 8.** Stein 6, Hatton 7, Moss 7.
Notts County: **★AVRAMOVIC 8.** Benjamin 7, O'Brien 6, Stubbs 6, Blockley 7, Hunt 7, Masson 7, Mair 5, McCulloch 5 (sub. Doherty), Christie 6, Hooks 7.
 Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal, Kent)
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 Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal, Kent)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ORIENT (3) 4 (Jennings 7, 69, Mayo 26, Taylor, pen 36)

WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att: 4,469
Orient: Day 7, Fisher 7, Roffey 7, Taylor 7, Gray 7, Hughton 7, Chedzoy 8, Jennings 7, **★MAYO 9.** Margerison 7, Coates 7.
Wrexham: **★DAVIES 8.** Darracott 5, Kenworthy 5, Davies 5, Jones 7, Fox 5, Vinter 5, Sutton 6, Edwards 7, McNeil 5, Carrodus 5.
 Referee: K. Spencer (Wiltshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

PRESTON (0) 0

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Stainrod 57)

Att: 8,932
Preston: Tunks 8, Taylor 7, McAteer 7, **★DOYLE 9.** Anderson 7, O'Riordan 6, Bell 5, Haslegrave 5, Elliott 6, McGee 5 (sub. Coleman 7), Bruce 6.
Oldham: Platt 8, Wood 7, Holt 7, Kowenicki 7, **★CLEMENTS 9.** Blair

7, Valentine 7, Halom 6, Steel 6, Stainrod 8, Atkinson 6.
 Referee: T. Farley (Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (2) 3 (Allen, pen 38, Goddard 39, 90)

SWANSEA (1) 2 (Wicks, og 43, Toshack 70)

Att: 11,153
QPR: Woods 7, Shanks 6, Gillard 5 (sub. Wallace 5), McCreery 5, Wicks 4, Roeder 6, Goddard 8, Waddock 7, Allen 7, **★CURRIE 9.** Burke 8.
Swansea: **★LETHEREN 8.** Marustik 6, Rushbury 5, Charles 5, Phillips 5, Giles 6, Craig 6, James 6, Waddle 7, Toshack 7, Callaghan 7 (sub. Robinson 6).

Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SUNDERLAND v WEST HAM — Match Postponed

Division Three

BARNESLEY v SHEFFIELD UNITED — Match Postponed

CARLISLE v READING — Match Postponed

CHESTER v GILLINGHAM — Match Postponed

CHESTERFIELD v SWINDON — Match Postponed

EXETER (2) 2 (Roberts, L 10, Rogers 22)

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Lyons 14)

Att: 4,538
Exeter: Main 6, Mitchell 7, Hatch 7, Hore 7, Giles 7, Roberts, P 7, Roberts, L 7, Rogers 7, Bell 8, Delve 7, **★PULLAR 9.**

Millwall: **★JACKSON 9.** Coleman 7, Roberts, Paul 6, Mehmet 8 (sub. Kinsella 6), Tagg 7, Blyth 6, Towner 6, Seasman 7, Mitchell 6, Lyons 7, Chatterton 6.

Referee: J. M. Warner (Wednesbury)
 Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (1) 5 (Brolly 35, Kilmore 63, Drinkell 75, 88, Salman, og 89)

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips 80)

Att: 9,560

Grimsby: Batch 6, Stone 7, Moore 7, Waters 6, Wiggin 6, Crombie 7, Brolly 6, Kilmore 6, **★DRINKELL 8.** Mitchell 6, Cumming 6 (sub. Ford 6).
Brentford: Bond 5, Shrub 6, Tucker (sub. Harding 6), Salman 7, Kruse 7, Fraser 6, Carlton 7, Alder 6, Holmes 6, Graham 7, **★PHILLIPS 8.**

Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

HULL v BURY — Match Postponed

OXFORD (3) 3 (Cooke 28, 45, Fogg 32)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Pollard 70)

Att: 2,871

Oxford: Brown 6, **★FOGG 8.** Watson 6, Briggs 5, McIntosh 6, Jeffrey 7, Taylor 6, Brock 7, Cooke 7, Berry 6, McGrogan 6.

Mansfield: Arnold 5, Dawkins 5, Wood 4 (sub. Miller 6), Curtis 5, Bird 6, McClelland 5, Pollard 6, Allen 5, Austin 5, **★MANN 7.** Hamilton 5.
 Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

ROTHERHAM v BLACKPOOL — Match Postponed

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 3 (Smith, pen 9, pen 73, Curran 25)

COLCHESTER (0) 0

Att: 11,958

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 8, Grant 8, **★SMITH 9.** Pickering 7, Hornsby 7, Taylor 6, Johnson 7, Mellor 7, McCulloch 7, Curran 8.
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Packer 8, Leslie 8, Wignall 7, Dowman 7,

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KEEGAN'S MAKING A BIG MISTAKE

I ADMIRE Kevin Keegan for uprooting himself and his family after just three years in West Germany. But I believe he's making a big mistake in settling on Italy as the next stage of his soccer adventure.

I don't consider Keegan will become a better player by virtue of his intended move to Juventus.

Obviously he's bettering himself from a financial point of view. But from a football

aspect I think he's made the wrong decision.

Italian football is so defensive and boring it will be hard for him to show his attacking qualities. He won't enjoy his football in the way

that he's done in England and West Germany.

I think his best move would have been to Barcelona where they enjoy attacking football and revel in individual skills.

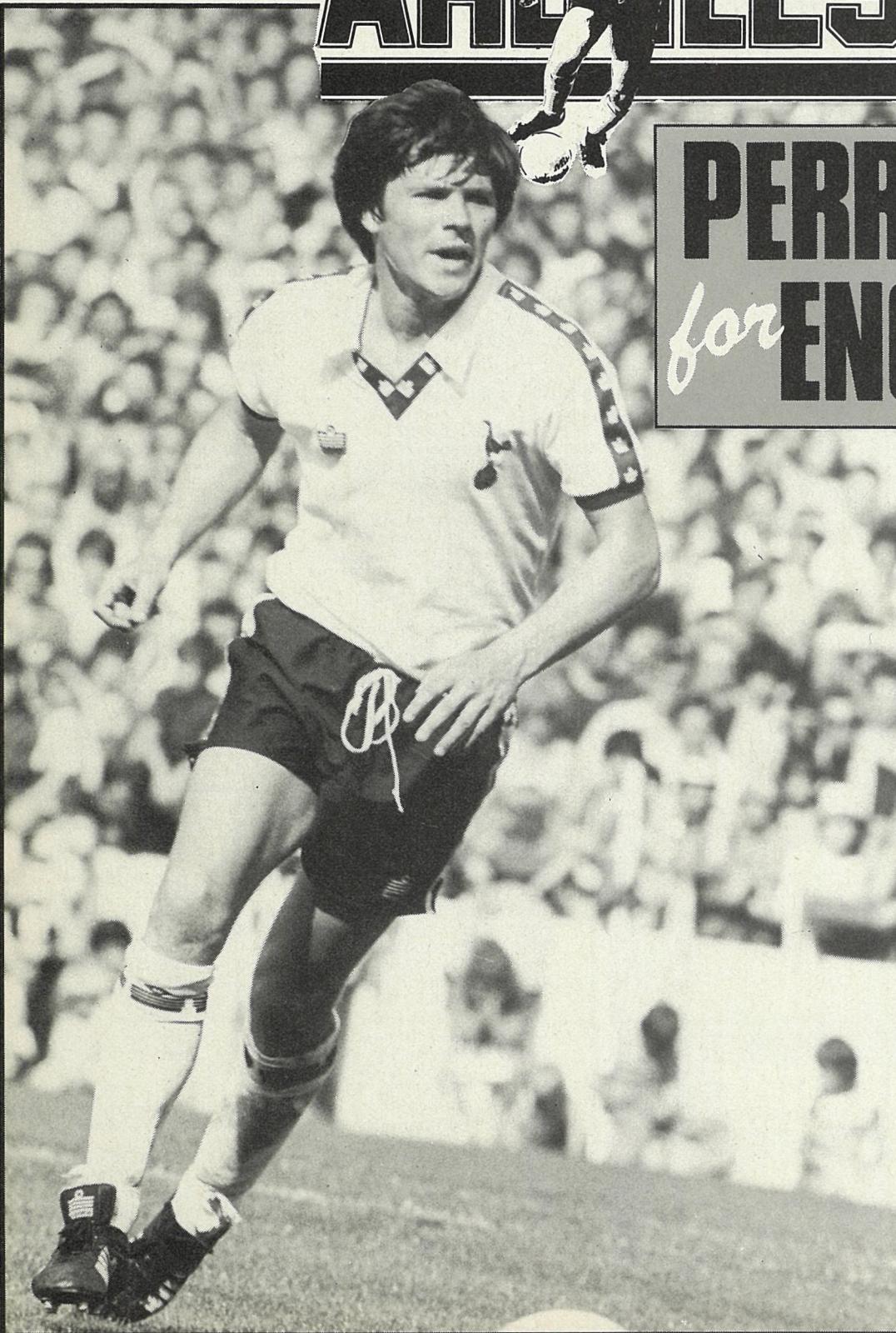
Spain is the country where I

might well turn when I decide to move on again. I like the country and, of course, Spanish is my language.

But don't read into that statement that I want to pack my bags immediately. I am really happy at Spurs and, for another thing, with the next World Cup getting closer and closer, it would not be sensible for me to move again and have to settle into new surroundings which might be detrimental to my play.



PERRYMAN for ENGLAND



STEVE Perryman for England . . . no I'm not trying to tell Ron Greenwood his job — merely banging the drum for the Tottenham skipper who, I believe, has it in him to be the best central defender in the country.

All the Spurs' team have been playing extremely well in recent weeks but Steve has been absolutely outstanding. With the strength of Paul Miller alongside him, Steve has been the main reason why we've conceded so few goals recently.

Steve is a very, very intelligent player. He is a great anticipator — reading situations before they happen.

But anticipation is not his only asset. Steve's passing is spot-on and before he was successfully converted to the back four he was an influential midfield player and won England Under-23 caps in that position.

The only aspect of his play where I'd mark him down is on his heading. If he was a little bit taller then I'd think there'd be nothing to stop him becoming the best central defender in England.

Then again it would help if he believed he was good in the air. He believes he's no good, but this is not true. His problem is he has not the confidence to sell himself in the air, he doesn't commit himself like he should because he doesn't think he'll win the ball.

But take the example of my Argentinian skipper, Daniel Passarella. He is only a little taller than me, but is brilliant in the air.

If Steve believed he was as good in the air as Passarella, there'd be nobody better than him in England — possibly not even in the world.



Paul Mariner

Ipswich Town & England

Bobby Robson on IP We just

NINE internationals in the team and Ipswich were rock bottom of the First Division.

The manager couldn't believe it, the players couldn't believe it, the town couldn't believe it.

That was October 20, 1979 - just 15 short weeks ago. Since then Ipswich have shaken off the blues and made a meteoric surge up the First Division table including a run of 20 points from 12 matches.

MATCH WEEKLY asked manager Bobby Robson and skipper Mick Mills to recall those traumatic opening weeks of the season and explain the transformation . . .

BACK in October our League form was incredible for a team with nine internationals. I remember we lost five matches in a row and came off the pitch at Manchester United having lost 2-1 and discovered ourselves bottom of the table with 7 points from 12 matches.

I put our position down to three reasons. Injuries, horrific mistakes and key players off form.

We could never field our best team in those early weeks because of injuries to people like Kevin Beattie, Clive Woods and Alan Brazil.

And we made some horrific mistakes. One I particularly remember was at Leeds where we were drawing 1-1 and Allan Hunter caught the ball in our box. Penalty! We lose 2-1!

Three key players were off form, too. Two of them, Arnold Muhren and John Wark, are vital to keeping us balanced and stable. Then there was Paul Mariner, he was missing goal chances he normally takes.

I could have panicked, we lost five on the trot and I could

have gone out and signed someone, but I didn't.

In fact, Alan Mullery rang me up from Brighton after the Peter Ward deal fell through with Forest and said: "Come on, how about a swap - Ward for Gates?" but I said no and I'm glad I did.

I'm sure my decision lifted Eric.

Despite the results we were getting I decided not to let anything get under my skin. The man at the top is the most important, he's got to be cheerful, optimistic, enthusiastic.

I believed in the players I had. It was my job to find out why the team was not functioning properly. I was going to persevere.

The players must take much of the credit, too. They have shown a lot of feeling for the club, shown character, battled at it.

My aim for Ipswich now is to get us into that third spot for Europe. The first two spots, I feel, are already spoken for with Liverpool and Manchester United, but we must get our noses in front of the others.

Aug 18	Nott'm. Forest (h)	lost	0-1
Aug 21	Arsenal (a)	won	2-0 (Hunter, Muhren)
Aug 25	Wolves (a)	lost	0-3
Aug 29	Coventry (h)	lost	0-1
Sept 1	Stoke (h)	won	3-1 (Brazil, Mariner, Wark)
Sept 8	Bristol City (h)	won	1-0 (Woods)
Sept 15	Brighton (a)	lost	0-2
Sept 22	Everton (h)	drew	1-1 (Wark)
Sept 29	Crystal Palace (a)	lost	1-4 (Gates)
Oct 6	Leeds (a)	lost	1-2 (Mariner)
Oct 9	Arsenal (h)	lost	1-2 (Brazil)
Oct 13	Liverpool (h)	lost	1-2 (Mariner)
Oct 20	Man. United (a)	lost	1-2 (Grimes o.g.)
Oct 27	Middlesbrough (h)	won	1-0 (Brazil)
Nov 3	Nott'm Forest (a)	lost	0-2
Nov 10	Aston Villa (h)	drew	0-0
Nov 17	Derby (a)	won	1-0 (Mariner)
Nov 24	Southampton (h)	won	3-1 (Gates, Wark, Brazil)
Dec 1	Coventry (a)	lost	1-4 (Wark, pen)
Dec 8	Man. City (h)	won	4-0 (Gates 3, Mills)
Dec 15	Bolton (a)	won	1-0 (Brazil)
Dec 21	Tottenham (h)	won	3-1 (Mariner, Muhren, Gates)
Dec 26	Norwich (a)	drew	3-3 (Gates, Muhren, Wark)
Dec 29	Wolves (h)	won	1-0 (Butcher)
Jan 1	West Brom (h)	won	4-0 (Mariner, Wark, Osman, Thijssen)
Jan 12	Stoke (a)	won	1-0 (Mariner)
Jan 19	Bristol City (a)	won	3-1 (Gates, Brazil, Mariner)

IPSWICH TOWN'S five match nightmare kept on losing

The Ipswich revival

Division One

Table at October 26, 1979

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Nott'm Forest	12	7	3	2	23	12	17
Man. Utd.	12	7	3	2	18	8	17
Crystal Palace	12	4	6	2	18	13	14
Wolves	11	6	2	3	17	12	14
Liverpool	11	4	5	2	19	10	13
Norwich	12	5	3	4	21	16	13
Southampton	12	3	4	4	21	18	13
Middlesbrough	12	5	3	4	12	9	13
Man. City	12	5	3	4	13	15	13
Coventry City	12	6	1	5	19	22	13
Tottenham	12	5	3	4	17	23	13
Arsenal	12	3	6	3	13	10	12
Bristol City	12	3	6	3	11	13	12
West Brom	12	3	5	4	16	15	11
Aston Villa	11	5	5	3	10	11	11
Leeds	11	2	6	3	12	12	10
Everton	11	3	4	4	16	18	10
Stoke City	12	2	5	5	13	19	9
Derby County	12	3	2	7	9	17	8
Bolton	12	1	6	5	10	21	8
Brighton	11	2	3	6	12	18	7
IPSWICH	12	3	1	8	11	19	7

Division One

Up to and including January 26

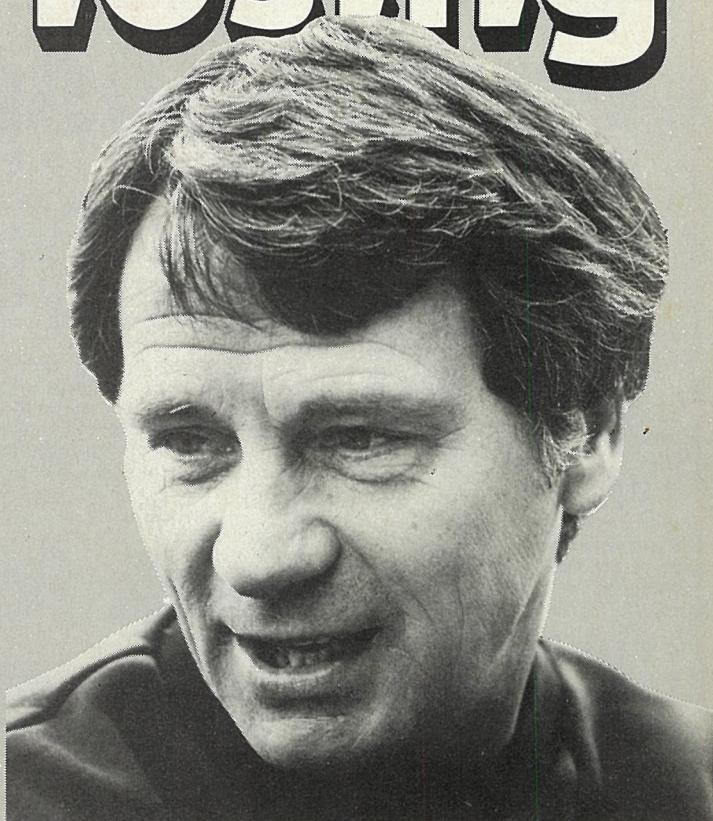
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Liverpool	24	14	7	3	50	17	35
Man. Utd.	24	13	6	4	37	17	33
Arsenal	26	11	8	6	30	20	30
Southampton	26	12	5	9	41	31	29
IPSWICH	26	9	3	10	37	30	29
Crystal Palace	26	9	11	6	30	27	29
Nott'm Forest	25	10	4	9	38	31	28
Norwich	25	9	10	6	38	33	28
Aston Villa	23	9	5	9	29	23	27
Leeds	26	9	9	8	30	32	27
Middlesbrough	24	10	6	8	25	22	26
Tottenham	25	10	6	9	32	38	26
Coventry City	26	12	2	9	38	43	26
Wolves	24	10	5	9	29	30	25
Man. City	25	9	5	11	27	40	23
Everton	25	6	10	9	28	32	22
Brighton	25	8	6	11	33	38	22
West Brom	25	6	9	10	34	37	21
Stoke City	24	6	7	11	28	35	19
Bristol City	26	5	8	13	20	39	18
Derby County	26	6	4	16	23	39	16
Bolton	24	1	9	14	16	39	11

RIGHT: Ipswich manager Bobby Robson.

*LEFT: Captain Mick Mills:
"We came good because we persevered."*



Better times again for Ipswich ... Alan Brazil scores the only goal of the game in the 1-0 win at Bolton.



Style didn't suit the players-MILLS

OUR early season form revolved around Clive Woods — he was our only winger. We lost our system of play and had to change to a 4-4-2 system that didn't suit the players.

We thought we were going to lose our way and struggled for eight weeks. But we worked hard at it, trying to sort out the problems. We came good because we persevered — we had looked disjointed. Clive came back for one match at Manchester United, was injured again, and he hasn't been back since.

It was difficult, but we stuck with the new system and it has worked well.

Mariner and Brazil have been scoring regularly and Eric Gates has been chipping in with some spectacular efforts, too.

I started the season at right-back when George Burley was injured, then I moved to left-back, but when we had problems with the new system I moved into midfield and things started to pick up. Now it's going well, I'm back on the left.

The Dutch players are a great influence on the side. They are very important to us. Arnold

Muhren has had an indifferent spell, but Frans Thijssen has been playing well throughout the season.

Of course, there had been fears in the town and in the media that we could go down. But there were never those fears in the club and among the players. We knew we were good enough to get out of it and the players we have here are good enough to get us out of it.

We are in out best position now for two and a half years and the spirit is high.





KEES KIST — holder of the golden shoe award for his 34 goals last season — banged in a hat-trick to keep his team, AZ67, challenging at the top of the Dutch First Division.

His goals helped AZ to a 5–1 win over MVV and Feyenoord beat NEC 2–1 to keep the pressure on leaders Ajax who edged NAC 1–0.

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FYEENOORD suffered their first home League defeat in two years when they went down 3–0 to PSV in the Dutch First Division.

Feyenoord had most chances, but the star of the match was PSV's Paul Postuma who bagged all three goals.

AZ67 moved to second spot in the table after a 2–1 win over Den Haag thanks to two goals from Austrian Kurt Welzl. Dutch First Division: AZ67 2, Den Haag 1; Willem II v NAC postponed; Go Ahead v Ajax postponed; Vitesse v Excelsior postponed; Haarlem 5, Sparta 3; Utrecht 2, MVV 0; Feyenoord 0, PSV 3; Roda 2, NEC 0; Twente v PEC postponed. Leading standings (after 19 matches): Ajax 32; AZ67 28; Feyenoord 27; PSV (20 matches), Utrecht (20) 24; Roda (played 20) 23.

What went on when the lights went out...

SPANIARDS PLEAD WITH DUTCH TO FINISH FRIENDLY

IT all started to happen when the lights fused during a rain-ruined international between Spain and visiting Holland in the Balaidos Stadium at Vigo.

The match was just 18 minutes old when rain put a real damper on the proceedings. A short circuit blacked out the stadium and it was over an hour before the lights came back on.

Protesting at the heavy pitch, the angry Dutch had already changed and were ready to board the bus back to their hotel. Eventually they were persuaded to continue — all that is bar Van der Kerkhof who had refused to play right from the start.

The gallant Dutch who did come back, finally fell to an 82nd minute penalty taken by Athletic Bilbao right-winger Daniel 'Dani' Ruiz.

Sack for coach if Cologne fail

THE FIGHT for the West German Championship promises to be the closest for many years — and one man's job hangs on the outcome.

Cologne, third in the table, have told their coach Hennes Weisweiler that he will be shown the back door unless his side take the Bundesliga.

Such is the determination in the Cologne camp to return to the glory days of two years ago, when they took the League and Cup, that no one is considered indispensable.

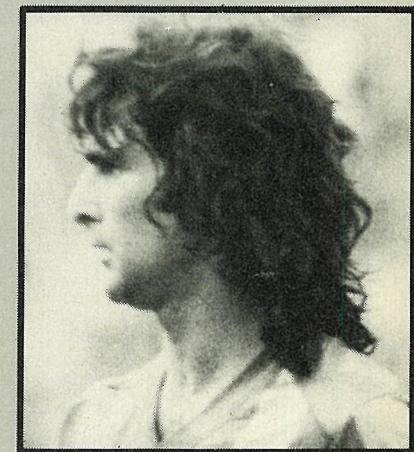
Weisweiler is well respected among his players, who include England striker Tony Woodcock. But Cologne chief Peter Waiand has said that Weisweiler must go if the Championship goes elsewhere.

Cologne are now just one point behind leaders Hamburg and Bayern Munich, thanks to a 4–1 win over Borussia Dortmund.

Woodcock scored in the game — his first German League goal since his £600,000 move from Nottingham Forest in November.

Kevin Keegan inspired Hamburg set themselves up for a titanic struggle with Bayern Munich when they grabbed a point away to Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The European 'Footballer of the Year' scored Hamburg's second goal in the 2–2 draw. Meanwhile Bayern Munich were beating Schalke 3–1 to make the gap at the top even tighter.



Mario Kempes scored the first of the goals that took his team Valencia to a 2–0 victory over Real Madrid.

Kempes stars in thriller

REAL Sociedad drew 2–2 with Las Palmas to take a one point lead in the Spanish First Divison.

Real Madrid stay second despite losing 2–0 against fourth in the table Valencia and Gijon retained third spot even though they lost 1–0 to Seville.

The Valencia — Real Madrid match was one of the best seen in the League this season. Argentinian World Cup star Mario Kempes opened the scoring for Valencia in the 18th minute and Pedro Villarroda got the second 15 minutes from time.

Spanish First Division: Sevilla 1, Gijon 0; Malaga 3, Burgos 1; Atletico Madrid 2, Hercules 1; Athletic Bilbao 2, Salamanca 0; Valencia 2, Real Madrid 0; Rayo Vallecano 0, Betis 1; Barcelona 2, Zaragoza 0; Almeria 1, Espanol 1; Las Palmas 2, Real Sociedad 2.

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LATEST from the American Indoor League shows Tampa Bay at the top of the Eastern Division. They are followed by Atlanta, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale and New England.

Minnesota stand top of the Western Division followed by Memphis, California, Tulsa and Los Angeles.

Leading scorer in the Eastern Division is Peter Baralic of Tampa Bay and leading keeper is Victor Nogueira of Atlanta.

In the Western Division Minnesota's Alan Willey leads the scoring charts and John Houska of Memphis is top keeper.

INJURY BLOW FOR NANTES STAR

NANTES international defender Max Bossis may miss his club's crucial Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final matches against Moscow Dynamo because of a broken jaw.

His injury, which will certainly put him out of France's friendly with Greece on February 27, came in the 68th minute of Nantes' recent League game with Strasbourg.

Bossis collided with Strasbourg goalkeeper Dominique Dropsy as he headed a Luic Amisse corner just past the post.

After 23 games Monaco lead

the French First Division. St Etienne lay second and Nantes are third.

French First Division: Strasbourg 3, Lyon 1; Sochaux 2, Nancy 1; Valenciennes 5, Bastia 0; Lens 4, Marseille 1; Nantes 1, Brest 0; Angers 2, Lille 0; Paris Saint Germaine 2, Monaco 1; Nice 0, Bordeaux 0; Nimes 2, Metz 1; St Etienne 3, Laval 1.

Leading standings (after 23 matches): Monaco 35; Saint Etienne 34; Nantes 33; Sochaux 31; Paris SG, Strasbourg 26; Nimes, Valenciennes 25; Laval, Lens 24.

Portugal

Portuguese First Division: Portimonense 0, Porto 4; Sporting 2, Belenenses 0; Benfica 8, Rio Ave 0;

Espinho 2, Guimaraes 1; Boavista 3, Leiria 0; Varzim 0, Estoril 0; Braga 1, Beira Mar 0; Maritimo 2, Setubal 0. Leading standings (after 17 matches): Sporting, Porto 29, Benfica 27; Belenenses 22; Boavista 21; Guimaraes, Espinho 17; Maritimo, Braga 15; Varzim 14.

Greece

Greek First Division: AEK 6, Rhodes 1; Ares 0, Panathinaikos 0; Ioannina 2, Heracles 1; Ethnikos 2, Doxa Dramas 0; Kavalla 0, PAOK 1; Kastoria 4, Apollon 0; Corinth 0, Panachaiki 0; Larissa 2, Panionios 0; OFI 2, Olympiakos 0. Leading standings (after 18 matches): PAOK 26; Ares 25; Ethnikos 24; Olympiakos, AEK 23; Panathinaikos, OFI 21, Larissa 20; Ioannina 18; Kavalla 17.

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

Hodge 7 (sub. Evans 7), Rowles 6, Foley 7, ★LEE 9, Allinson 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHEND (0) 0
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford 21)
Att: 4,243
Southend: Cawston 7, Moody 6, Hadley 7, Cusack 6, Yates 6, Dudley 5, Otulakowski 5, ★POUNTEY 8, Grey 5, Spence 6, Parker 6.
Blackburn: Arnold 7, Branagan 7, ★KEELEY 8, Fazackerley 7, Rathbone 6, Kendall 7, McKenzie 7, Parkes 6, Brotherton 7, Garner 7, Crawford 7.
Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON v PLYMOUTH —
Match Postponed

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Needham 6)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Hamilton 46)
Att: 3,130
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 4, ★WOOLER 7, Dixon 5, Bennett 5, Jopling 4, Crosby 5, Brodie 6, French 4 (sub. Youlden), Needham 5, McGregor 4.
Darlington: Owers 6, ★NATTRASS 9, Cochrane 6, Ball 6, Craig 6, Smith 5 (sub. Crosson), McLean 7, Hamilton 8, Stalker 7, Taylor 8, Walsh 7.
Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRADFORD CITY v NEWPORT —
Match Postponed

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Butler 79, MacDougall 85)

STOCKPORT (0) 0

Att: 3,044

Bournemouth: ★SMEULDERS 8, Cunningham 6, Ferns 6, Impey 7, Townsend 6 (sub. Massey 7), Holder 7, Elliott 7, MacDougall 6, Butler 7, Evanson 6, Miller 6.
Stockport: Lawson 7, Thorpe 7, Sherlock 7, Henson 7, Bradd 7, Czuczman 7, Williams 7, ★PRUDHAM 8, Sword 6, Chapman 6, Coyle 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Lister 29)

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Harford 70)

Att: 3,627

Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell 7, ★SNODIN 8, Lister 7, Lally 7, Dowd 7, Flanagan 7, Packer 6 (sub. Lewis 6), Warboys 7, Little 7, Riley 7.
Lincoln: McManus 7, Thompson 7, Neale 7, Shipley 7, Peake 7, Carr 7, Hobson 6, Keeley 7, ★HARFORD 8, Cunningham 7, Bell 6.
Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Newton 77, Houchen 81)

WALSALL (0) 2 (Buckley 67, Penn 84)
Att: 4,576

Hartlepool: ★BURLEIGH 9, Sweeney 7, Carr 7, Lawrence 8, Hogan 7, Ayre 7 (sub. Houchen 6), Linacre 7, Harding 7, Newton 8, Gorry 7, Hampton 7.
Walsall: Green 7, Macken 7, Mower 8, Sbragia 7, Serella 7, ★PAUL 9, Penn 8, Williams 6, McDonough 6, Buckley 7, Caswell 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★

HEREFORD (0) 2 (Marshall 70, Binney 89)

HALIFAX (0) 0

Att: 2,814

Hereford: Hughes 7, ★PRICE 8, Burrows 7, Spriggin 6, Layton 7, Thomas 6, McGrellis 6, Marshall 6, Binney 7, Jones 6, White 5.
Halifax: Kilner 7, Dunleavy 7, Hutt 7, ★HARRIS 8, Goodman 7, Hendrie 7, Evans 6, Kennedy 7, Burke 6, Allett 6, Stafford 6.
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD v SCUNTHORPE —
Match Postponed

NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Sargent 1, Gage 66, Bowen 72)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Woolfall 29)
Att: 1,946
Northampton: Poole 8, Farrington 7, Sandercock 7, Byatt 6, Gage 7, Ward 8, Denyer 6, Sandy 8, McCaffrey 7, ★BOWEN 9, Sargent 7.
Port Vale: Dance 6, Keenan 6, Griffiths 7, Elsby 7, Delgado 5, Sproson 6, ★CHAMBERLAIN 8, Farrell 7, Wright 7, Bromage 6 (sub. Beech 6), Woolfall 7.
Referee: A. Grey (Galston-on-Sea)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Todd 81)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Peplow 33)
Att: 12,821
Portsmouth: Mellor 6, James 6, Viney 6 (sub. Todd 7), Brisley 5, ★AIZLEWOOD 8, Ellis 6, Gregory 5, Laidlaw 7, Hemmerman 6, Bryant 6, Rogers 5.
Tranmere: Johnson 7, Parry 6, Mungall 6, ★BRAMHALL 8, Edwards 7, Evans 6, O'Neil 6, Craven 5, Kelly 6, Beamish 5, Peplow 6.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

YORK (0) 1 (Methven, og 49)
WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton 54, Corrigan 67)
Att: 2,460
York: Crawford 7, Kay 6, Walsh 6, McGhie 6, Faulkner 6, Clements 6, Randall 6, Lorimer 6, Eccles 6, ★McDONALD 8, Loggie 6 (sub. Ferebee).

Wigan: Brown 7, Fretwell 7, Hinnigan 7, Gore 7, Methven 7, Davids 7, Corrigan 7, Wright 7, ★HOUGHTON 8, Brownbill 7, Urquhart 7.
Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier League

CELTIC v ST MIRREN —
Match Postponed

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Redford 20)
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Jarvie 2, 70, 84)
Att: 7,661
Dundee: ★DONALDSON 8, Barr 7, Shaedler 6, Millar 6, Glennie 5, Shirra 6, Fletcher 6, Mackie 6, Pirie 6, Redford 6, Murphy 6.
Aberdeen: Clark 6, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, McLeish 6, Garner 6, ★MILLER 8, Strachan 6, Jarvie 7, Hamilton 7, Bell 6, Scanlon 6.
Referee: D. Syme (Rutherglen)
Match Rating: ★★★

KILMARNOCK v RANGERS —
Match Postponed

MORTON v DUNDEE UNITED —
Match Postponed

PARTICK v HIBERNIAN —
Match Postponed

Division One

BERWICK (0) 0
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Sharp 15, 81)
Att: 962

AIRDRIE v CLYDEBANK —
Match Postponed

ARBROATH v STIRLING —
Match Postponed

DUNFERMLINE v AYR —
Match Postponed

HEARTS v RAITH —
Match Postponed

MOTHERWELL v HAMILTON —
Match Postponed

ST JOHNSTONE v CLYDE —
Match Postponed

Division Two

STRANRAER (0) 0
FORFAR (2) 3 (Mitchell 19, Gallagher 25, Blair 81)
Att: 400

ALBION v EAST STIRLING —
Match Postponed

ALLOA v MEADOWBANK —
Match Postponed

BRECHIN v MONTROSE —
Match Postponed

EAST FIFE v STENHOUSEMUIR —
Match Postponed

FALKIRK v COWDENBEATH —
Match Postponed

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH v QUEENS PARK —
Match Postponed

DIVISION TWO

	HOME	AWAY	P W D L F A W D L F A Ps
Leicester	27	8	4 2 23 13 5 5 3 19 14 35
Newcastle	27	12	1 0 26 8 2 6 6 15 21 35
Luton	26	6	7 1 26 13 6 3 3 19 15 34
Chelsea	26	9	1 3 24 11 6 2 5 22 21 33
Birmingham	25	8	2 2 17 9 5 3 5 15 15 31
Sunderland	26	11	2 0 31 11 1 4 8 10 23 30
Q.P.R.	26	8	3 2 34 15 4 2 7 14 19 29
West Ham	24	9	2 2 21 8 4 1 6 11 15 29
Wrexham	27	10	1 2 22 18 8 3 9 12 24 29
Gwent	26	6	3 2 24 2 3 5 5 11 14 27
Cardiff	27	8	2 3 13 9 3 3 8 13 23 27
Preston	27	5	2 2 17 2 4 4 7 11 16 25
Swansea	26	9	0 4 21 12 1 5 7 7 13 23 25
Notts County	27	4	5 2 20 16 4 2 6 17 18 24
Cambridge	27	5	3 2 25 16 1 7 6 11 20 24
Shrewsbury	27	6	3 2 24 13 2 0 6 12 13 27 21
Oldham	24	6	2 2 21 13 1 2 10 12 28 21
Bristol R.	26	6	5 3 13 10 1 4 8 6 17 21 21
Watford	26	5	5 3 14 15 1 4 7 14 29 21
Burnley	26	5	4 4 16 15 0 3 10 7 29 17
Charlton	25	3	2 2 16 18 0 3 1 9 15 28 15
Fulham	25	3	2 7 11 19 3 1 9 15 28 15

DIVISION THREE

	HOME	AWAY	P W D L F A W D L F A Ps
Grimsby	30	11	1 3 31 15 5 4 6 13 16 37
Colchester	30	5	2 24 15 8 1 6 17 22 35
Sheffield U.	29	10	2 3 29 14 5 4 7 20 27 34
Chesterfield	28	10	0 3 31 11 3 3 8 12 20 33
Sheff W.	27	6	3 19 13 5 6 2 25 19 31
Chester	27	8	4 1 19 10 3 5 6 17 25 31
Exeter	30	8	4 2 23 17 4 3 7 17 30 31
Swindon	24	9	2 1 30 8 4 2 6 14 20 30
Millwall	26	10	2 1 29 12 2 4 7 11 23 30
Blackburn	28	6	4 3 15 9 5 4 6 14 15 30
Brentford	29	7	4 4 28 20 4 3 7 19 28 29
Gillingham	27	5	2 16 10 4 4 6 17 21 28
Plymouth	30	9	5 2 30 15 1 3 10 13 27 28
Oxford	28	7	2 5 23 13 2 7 5 15 22 27
Rotherham	26	9	0 4 26 15 3 3 7 15 25 27
Reading	26	8	3 2 27 12 1 4 8 10 30 25
Blackpool	29	7	3 5 30 26 4 2 8 14 25 25
Barnsley	27	7	3 4 19 15 3 2 8 10 25 25
Carlisle	26	7	4 2 25 12 2 2 9 12 24 24
Hull	29	4	6 3 17 15 1 7 8 14 34 23
Bury	27	7	3 4 25 13 2 0 11 8 26 21
Mansfield	28	6	5 3 21 14 0 4 10 9 22 21
Southend	28	6	2 6 20 15 2 3 9 9 23 21
Wimbledon	25	2	4 5 15 17 3 4 7 11 23 18

DIVISION FOUR

	HOME	AWAY	P W D L F A W D L F A Ps
Walsall	29	8	0 27 12 8 5 2 23 15 43
Huddersfield	30	10	2 2 40 13 7 5 4 26 22 41
Portsmouth	29	11	3 2 47 19 5 3 5 17 17 38
Newport	30	10	5 2 32 18 5 1 7 21 18 36
Bradford	28	9	4 2 31 10 6 1 6 17 23 35
Torquay	28	11	3 0 34 11 2 6 6 16 26 35
Aldershot	28	9	2 4 25 12 5 3 5 17 16 33
Peterboro	30	8	1 5 25 17 4 6 6 12 15 31
Wigan	25	7	2 4 26 19 5 3 4 18 20 29
Bournemouth	29	5	3 5 20 17 3 8 3 16 14 29
Hartlepool	29	8	2 27 18 3 9 15 22 29
Doncaster	29	7	3 5 25 22 3 6 5 16 19 29
Lincoln	26	7	5 1 24 9 3 3 7 13 22 28
Tranmere	28	7	1 5 25 15 3 6 6 13 21 27
Northampton	28	10	2 2 24 11 0 4 10 12 39 26
Halifax	27	8	4 1 15 7 1 3 10 9 25 25
Stockport	29	5	4 17 19 4 2 9 12 27 25
Hereford	29	6	5 4 16 12 2 3 9 10 22 24
York	29	6	4 5 27 23 2 1 9 21 37 23
Darlington	29	5	8 2 20 13 1 4 11 12 35 22
Scunthorpe	28	7	5 2 23 13 1 1 12 9 36 22
Port Vale	29	5	2 7 22 17 1 0 8 8 26 18
Rochdale	28	3	4 4 12 15 1 4 10 13 38 16
Crewe	28	4	6 14 20 0 2 12 6 33 14

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	HOME	AWAY	P W D L F A W D L F A Ps
Celtic	21	9	1 0 29 7 3 5 3 11 11 30
Morton	22	8	3 2 30 11 3 3 4 20 18 26
Aberdeen	19	5	2 3 17 12 4 2 3 16 10 22
St. Mirren	20	6	3 2 22 19 2 3 4 8 14 22
Rangers	22	6	3 2 19 12 2 1 8 12 19 20
Kilmarnock	20	6	2 1 13 5 1 4 6 10 25 20
Partick	20	3	4 2 10 11 3 3 5 15 19 19
Dundee	20	7	2 2 22 17 1 0 8 8 26 18
Dundee Utd.	20	5	2 2 14 5 1 4 7 11 17 17
Hibs	20	3	4 3 15 16 0 0 10 4 22 10

DIVISION ONE

	HOME	AWAY	P W D L F A W D L F A Ps
Dumbarton	25	7	3 2 22 11 7 1 5 18 14 32
Hearts	24	9	3 0 25 13 5 3 4 15 18 32
Airdrie	25	8	2 3 32 15 2 6 4 16 18 28
Ayr	24	7	4 2 25 12 2 5 4 17 21 27
Clydebank	24	5	5 1 20 10 5 2 6 21 22 27
Hamilton	25	7	4 2 25 16 2 4 6 13 25 26
Motherwell	26	5	5 2 17 10 3 4 7 16 26 25
Stirling	23	5	4 3 19 11 3 3 5 9 14 23
Berwick	26	3	6 2 27 14 3 3 5 16 18 23
Dunfermline	24	6	2 3 17 14 3 3 7 12 23 23
Ralph	23	3	5 17 18 3 4 4 14 16 21
St. Johnstone	23	3	3 4 19 19 5 2 6 20 31 21
Arbroath	26	5	4 4 22 21 1 5 7 13 31 21
Clyde	25	2	4 6 16 20 1 5 7 14 25 15

DIVISION TWO

	HOME	AWAY	P W D L F A W D L F A Ps

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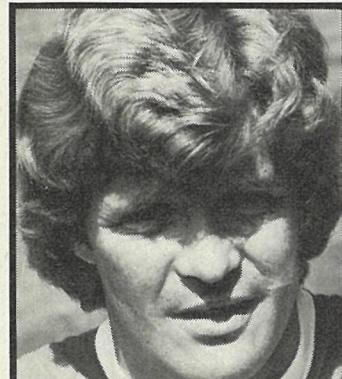
Solution:
Across – 1. (Kenny) Dalglish,
6. (Paul) Power, 7. Roy Greaves,
10. Winner, 11. (Len) Cantello,
12. (Trevor) Cherry, 16. Nine,
18. Stan (Bowles), 20. (Kevin) Arnott,
21. Yeovil, 23. (Frank) Stapleton,
26. Cross, 27. Exeter.

Down – 1. Derby County, 2. (Peter) Lorimer, 3. (Bill) Shankly, 4. Ipswich, 5. (Kenny) Swain, 8. (Willie) Young, 9. (Andy) Gray, 13. (Peter) Eastoe, 14. (Kevin) Reeves, 15. Goals, 17. (Mick) Coop, 19. Alloa, 22. Eire, 24. Ace, 25. (Trevor) Lee.

Spot the Difference

Solution: 1. Chequered cap on trainer; 2. Cork on bottle; 3. No tie; 4. Sticker missing from suitcase; 5. Stripe on bobble-hatted man's jersey; 6. No pills in bottle; 7. Panel ball missing; 8. Tin on barrier; 9. Stripe on player's jersey; 10. Black hat on fan.

PRIVATE EYES



(a) Willie Young (Arsenal).

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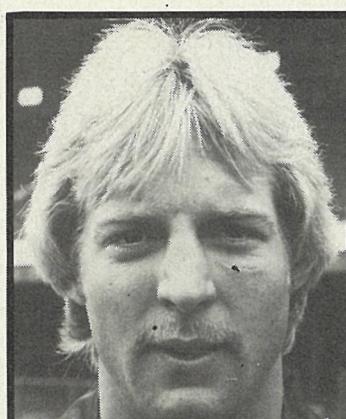
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Solution: Brazil, Holland, Charlton, Villa, Bolton, Sunderland, Paisley, Nelson, Devonshire, Durban.

Score Six

Charlton – 1. Charlie; 2. Len;
3. Hatton; 4. coach; 5. Elton (John);
6. Archie.



(b) Steve Wicks (Queen's Park Rangers).

IT'S A FACT... IT'S A FACT... IT'S A FACT... IT'S A FACT... IT'S A FACT...

IT'S happened only twice since the war that there has been a maximum of home wins in a full programme of matches in any Football League division. All 11 Division One games on December 10, 1955, yielded home winners, as did all 12 in Division Three on October 18–19, 1968.

THE only player ever sent off THREE times in the same English cup competition – is Southampton's Phil Boyer. In the Football League Cup he was

dismissed with Norwich City v Sheffield United in November, 1974, and with Southampton v Crystal Palace in August, 1977, and against Leeds United in January, 1979.

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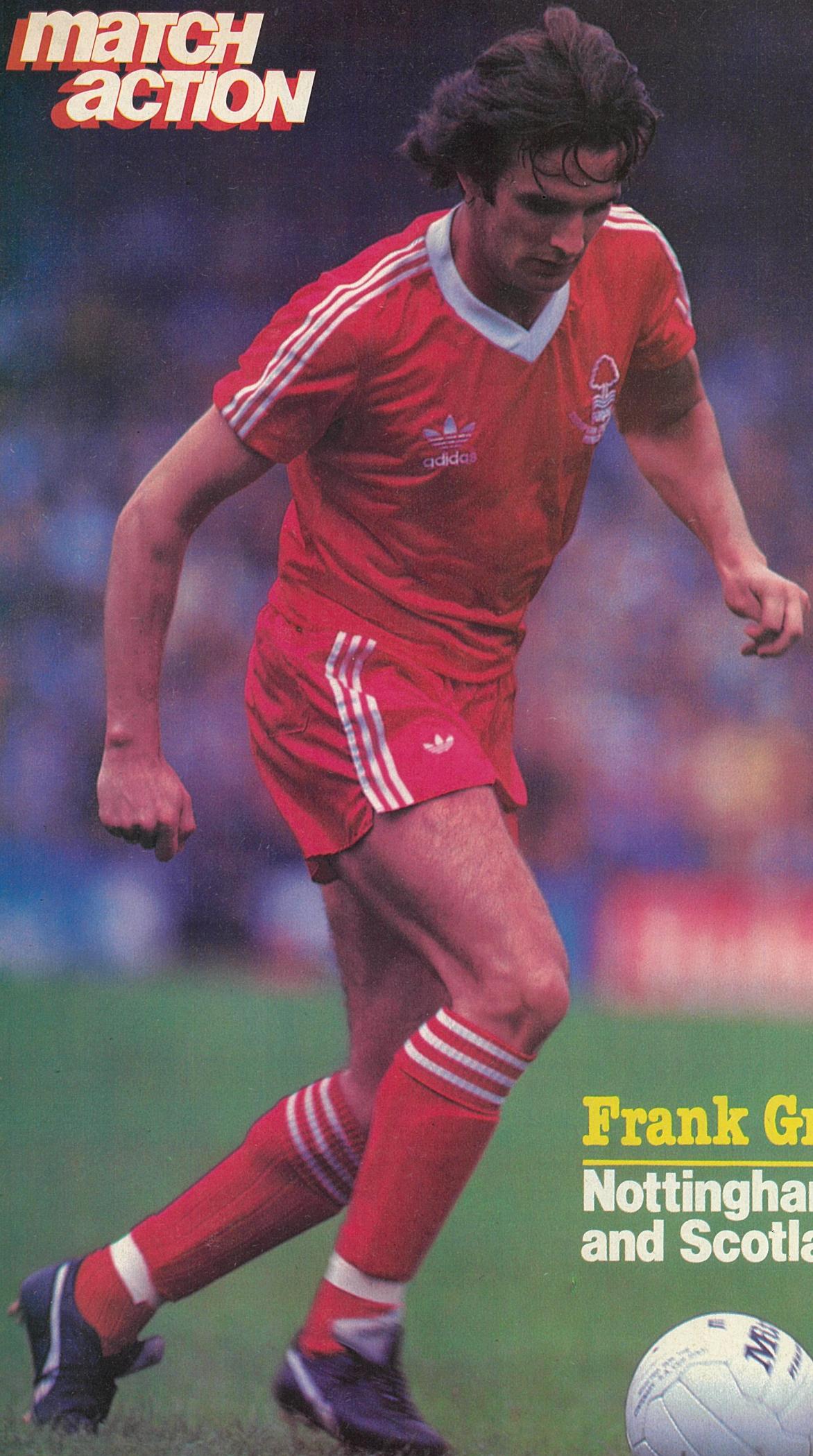
STRIKER Jim Bone ranks as the only player since World War II to figure with title-winning teams with different clubs in the same season. He was in Partick Thistle's Scottish League Cup-winning side against Celtic on October 23,

1971, and was sold to Norwich City in the following February. He was in their team that won the Second Division championship at the season's end.

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THERE are three Yorkshire clubs which have never been in the First Division, but all have missed promotion from the Second Division on goal average. It happened to Hull City in season 1909–10, Barnsley in 1921–22, and Rotherham United in 1954–55.

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